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**W**hether it's escaping a major natural disaster, a historic change in political leadership, an improving tourism industry, the service of men and women in uniform, or just being with one's loved ones through thick and thin on a tropical island, CNMI officials and ordinary citizens say they have a lot to be thankful for this Thanksgiving season.

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Senate President Ralph Torres (R-Saipan) is seeking reconsideration of a \$2,500 license fee per electronic gaming machine that a joint Senate and House panel recommended, saying the fee is "too low" considering that the government imposes a \$12,500 in license fee for each poker machine on Saipan. This comes



Torres

after the Senate filed on Wednesday a Saipan casino legalization bill that the House passed in June.

Torres is proposing a \$5,000 license fee per electronic gaming machine, which he said is a compromise, considering that the original proposal was \$10,000.

With the Saipan casino bill's demise at the Senate once again, all eyes are now on electronic gaming leg-

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Even if former governor Benigno R. Fitial signed the power purchase agreement and other contracts with Saipan Development LLC as then governor of the CNMI, he was still required to adhere to the CNMI procurement regulations, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.



Fitial

In CUC's motion to dismiss SDLLC's lawsuit against the utilities agency filed in federal court yesterday, CUC legal counsel Deborah Fisher asserted that even if Fitial signed not on behalf of the utility but as the executive under the executive order, he did not have the power to ignore CNMI procurement laws.

Fisher said an emergency procurement requires a written justification for the

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## THANKSGIVING LUNCH

HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

Lawmakers, staffers, and guests partake in a Thanksgiving lunch hosted by the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation right after wrapping up their session yesterday on Capital Hill.

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# Local



Office on Aging executive director Walter Manglona, right, shows *Saipan Tribune* the kitchen equipment that needs to be maintained, repaired, and replaced to make sure that all food prepared are safe for *man'amko* consumption while kitchen crewmembers Vicenta Rosy and Jesse Pangilinan look on.

## Man'amko meals up for privatization

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After many years of handling its own meal requirements, the Office on Aging has come up with a new plan that would not only bring potential savings to the agency but would promote transparency to its operations.

Aging Center executive director Walter Manglona disclosed to *Saipan Tribune* that the center is now ready to privatize its kitchen operation where all daily meals served to the elderly are being cooked and prepared.

Next week, the bidding process for the private contractors is expected to commence.

The Aging Center is serving free meals to nearly 200 homebound clients, 80 plus congregates at the center, and to a number of caregivers and providers. Meals being served each day are free of charge and approved by a registered dietician.

Manglona said privatizing the meal requirements for the *man'amko* is anticipated to bring significant savings to the agency.

"We're trying to save cost because we need to turn on our chillers 24/7. We're spending too much on power. We're also purchasing so much on gas and other stuff [for the kitchen]," he told *Saipan Tribune*, adding that the agency's kitchen has big chillers that need to be maintained for proper food preservation.

Additionally, the facility—which has long been built—needs some repairs and renovation that would require significant amount of funding.

The free meals provided by the Aging Center to the *man'amko* are funded by federal grants. Specific standards and requirements, from both local and federal agencies, have to be fully complied including sanitation of the facility.

Manglona shared that for the required renovation alone, the

center may need over \$40,000.

Once privatized, the contracted food vendor is responsible in the food preparation each day and when needed. Food packages will be delivered at the center where staff will do the dissemination to clients.

"It's a lot more established and we can easily control if we have a vendor. The contracted vendor will now be the one to make sure they keep count and make sure how many meals they give out. All the food they prepare has to be certified by a dietician and they are required to bring it here in a certain time," explained the executive director.

Another reason for privatization, Manglona revealed, is to clear "cloudy areas" that continues to surface from the past. He's alluding to issues of "missing purchases" and "overpricing" that was previously raised. "We don't want to deal with those issues anymore," he said, confident that the privatization will bring transparency to its funding operation.

*Saipan Tribune* learned that the center has four FTEs working in the kitchen. These personnel, if privatization is finalized, will continue to be onboard but will be tasked to assist in the dissemination/delivery of food requirements to the clients.

For Vicenta Rosy, the agency's cook for nine years now, the "meal privatization" is welcome news for the crew who described the plan as "long overdue." Rosy said any amount that could be saved from the privatization would be a great assistance to the Aging Center.

In a visit to the center's kitchen area, *Saipan Tribune* was shown some old kitchen equipment that needs to be replaced to ensure all standards and safety measures are satisfied.

## Manglona dismisses lawsuit vs No Kai Oi

U. S. District Court for the NMI Chief Judge Ramona V. Manglona has dismissed a lawsuit filed by one of the incorporators of No Ka Oi Termite & Pest Control (Saipan) Inc., who sued the company for allegedly unlawfully terminating him as manager and refusing to pay his dividends as a shareholder.

Manglona dismissed with prejudice or finality the lawsuit filed by Joey D. Lopez Sr. after the parties in the case reached a settlement agreement and moved for the dismissal of the suit.

Manglona said each party shall bear their own costs and fees.

Attorneys William Fitzgerald and F. Matthew Smith, counsels for Lopez and No Ka Oi respectively, requested the court to dismiss the lawsuit.

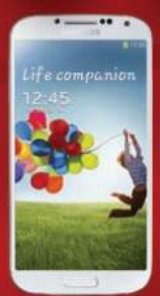
The terms of the settlement agreement were not indicated in court papers.

In his lawsuit, Lopez, a resident of Guam, is demanding \$103,000 or more in compensatory damages if the company's profits are shown to be more than \$40,000 a year for the years 2009 to 2012. (*Ferdie de la Torre*)

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## Saipan lawmakers approve \$3.264M in poker money for SHEFA, other programs

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Saipan lawmakers passed yesterday morning a local bill appropriating \$3.264 million in poker license fees to fund the Saipan Higher Education Financial Assistance, programs, and a host of precinct projects.

By a vote of 18-0, House Local Bill 18-26, Substitute 1, Draft 1 passed the Saipan and Northern Islands Legislative Delegation at 11:32am.

The measure, authored by Rep. Ralph Yumul (Ind-Saipan), now goes to the governor for action.

Vice Speaker Frank Dela Cruz (Ind-Saipan) offered a floor amendment that the delegation adopted.

Of the total amount, \$3 million is for SHEFA. The amendments didn't touch this amount reserved for actual assistance to students.

The changes were mostly on the distribution of the \$264,000.

After substitution and floor amendment, the remaining funds are distributed as follows: \$100,000 for SHEFA operations; \$25,000 for the Saipan Little League; \$8,000 for the 30th Annual Flame Tree Arts Festival; \$5,000 for the Agricultural Fair; \$10,000 for the Saipan Fishing Derby; \$10,000 for Liberation Day activities; and \$25,000 for SNILD's operational funds.

Also on the list are the following: \$34,000 for the purchase of an upright lifter, trailer, as well as repair and maintenance and rental equip-

ment for the Office of the Mayor of Saipan; \$30,000 for the Carolinian Affairs Office for the development of an island cultural village; and \$19,000 for the construction and paving of the Gillette Gymnasium Road, which will have matching funds from a private company doing business in the area.

Saipan Mayor Donald Flores, who has long asked the Saipan delegation to fund the mayor's office's purchase of a bucket truck, which was later changed to an upright lifter, thanked the lawmakers for finally appropriating money for the equipment and related expenses.

"This is one of the best Thanksgiving gifts for the people because this equipment will benefit many in the community," Flores told *Saipan Tribune* after the SNILD session.

Yumul, during the session, requested the Saipan mayor to ensure that personnel that are going to use the upright lifter will undergo training for their safety and protection.

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# Thanksgiving luncheon for PSS leaders, staff



MONETH G. DEPOSA

Public School System officials and employees share a special Thanksgiving luncheon at the central office grounds yesterday.

## THANKFUL

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Gov. Eloy S. Inos, who became governor on Feb. 20 when former governor Benigno R. Fitial resigned days before his impeachment trial in the Senate, said he's thankful for people's understanding and patience.

"We've been through some rough days in the past even including the recent past. We're trying everything to address the issues. I've been in office for a short period of time and I believe that we've done so much with the little resources that we have. We'll continue to do that. We still have things that we need to address. Hopefully that in my remaining term that I would be able to do that," the governor said in an interview.

Tourism arrivals have started to pick up, and government revenues are beginning to increase albeit far from what they used to be.

After addressing NMI Retirement Fund woes and a host of other issues, Inos is now preparing to lift the state of emergency declarations for the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. and the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.

Inos acknowledges that people "wanted something done yesterday" but there's "no silver bullet," he said.

The CNMI also saw early this year a change in its leadership, a process that started long before voters elected their leaders in November 2012.

The 18th House of Representatives, led by Speaker Joseph DeLeon Guerrero (Ind-Saipan), impeached the former governor for corruption, neglect of duty, and commission of felony. Fitial was the first governor among U.S. territories to step down, days before an impeachment trial.

Delegate Gregorio Kilili C. Sablan (Ind-MP) said he's

thankful "for the friendship and support of the people of the Northern Mariana Islands."

"I am thankful to our brave men and women in the military and to our military families, to our veterans, to our police officers and fire officers for they risk their lives daily to protect us and to save the lives of others," he said.

The CNMI's first and so far only nonvoting delegate to U.S. Congress said he's also thankful to teachers "who work hard to educate and train our students to prepare them for our future."

"I am thankful to my critics because they are candid about what they think my faults are. And while their criticism are oftentimes personal and hurtful, the criticism allows me to think harder about my positions, to see if I may be missing something, and thus consequently result in my working harder in service to the people of the Northern Marianas," he added.

### Spending time with family

This will be Inos' first Thanksgiving as CNMI governor, and he would like to spend it with his family.

"I haven't been spending a whole lot with my family. I hope that this Thanksgiving is going to give me at least some time to spend with my family, to give them thanks for their support," he said.

Inos also called on everyone to "share a common goal which is to do everything to improve the lives of our people."

"We should be thankful for what has been given to us and we will not take anything for granted. We'll continue to work with the people, to serve them the best we possibly could. I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving. Hopefully we will come back and make immediate recovery. We're doing everything so I'm grateful for the time they have given us to work things out and I'm also grateful for their

patience," he said.

The delegate, meanwhile, said on a personal level, he is thankful to his wife Andrea who, "despite that I am away from home over half the year, she continues to hold together our family even during my absence."

"Finally, I am thankful that I am alive today to celebrate Thanksgiving at home with family and friends," Sablan added.

### Tourism, environment

Eden Gonzales, an employee at Atom's Co., said yesterday she's thankful for family, friends, co-workers, and good health as well as for continuing to have a job in these tough times.

She's also thankful for the opportunity to be able to volunteer her time and service through health missions, having completed her nursing studies.

"I am also thankful for the improving tourism. The more tourists we have, the more business we get," Gonzales added.

Danny Buniag of the governor's office, for his part, said above all, he thanks God for all the blessings he and his family receive, as well as his "good family, with a very beautiful and understanding wife."

"Third, a beautiful and pleasant environment," he added.

As the CNMI celebrates Thanksgiving today, Buniag also hopes for the health and safety of the survivors of super typhoon Haiyan (Yolanda) in the Philippines. The typhoon claimed more than 5,000 lives and affected hundreds of thousands more.

### Inspiring people

Former representative and former KSPN2 reporter Tina Sablan, now pursuing urban planning at the University of Hawaii at Manoa, said she's most thankful for her "incredibly loving, supportive, and hilarious family."

Public School System leaders and employees spent some quality time together as they celebrated the Thanksgiving holiday in the central office grounds yesterday.

Led by Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero, the occasion was highlighted by the meaningful messages delivered especially for the staff, who were all recognized and appreciated for the hard work they're doing for the schoolchildren of the Commonwealth.

The board yesterday granted administrative leave for all staff and employees at the central office as well as personnel at the elementary and middle school levels.

Guerrero said staff and employees of the system play a pivotal role in the success of the public schools and that all their efforts and sacrifices are always appreciated by the community and stakeholders.

The chairman specifically commended Education Com-

missioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan for her continued demonstration of effective leadership for the system.

"We commend you all and the commissioner for all the hard work and fashion for our students. Thank you for working for the PSS," said Guerrero. Sablan, for her part, disclosed

that without the support and cooperation of the staff, yesterday's celebration would have not been possible.

Also in attendance in yesterday's special luncheon treat were board members Janice Tenorio, Tanya King, and Lucy Blanco-Maratita. (Moneth G. Deposa)

## FITIAL

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selection of the particular contractor and the Procurement and Supply director must state his approval in writing.

"Contracts must be prepared by the official with expenditure authority who shall certify he has complied with the CNMI procurement regulations," she said.

The contract, the lawyer pointed out, must then be reviewed by the Procurement & Supply director, and this includes a referral to the public auditor if warranted.

Fisher argued, among other things, that the court should dismiss the lawsuit because it fails to assert persuasive facts in support of its claim because the

contract is illegal on its face.

SDLLC is suing CUC for breach of express contract and implied-in-fact contract over the voided controversial \$190.8-million power purchase agreement it signed with then governor Fitial.

The Delaware-based contractor of the PPA asked the U.S. District Court for the NMI to award the company damages for its reliance on the CUC promise, and the amount incurred while evaluating, negotiating, and preparing to perform under the PPA to build a power plant.

The alleged secretive signing of the no-bid, 25-year PPA was one of the issues that led to the filing of impeachment charges against Fitial, who subsequently resigned as governor.

## EYE

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isolation that's pending at the Senate.

But Torres withdrew from session calendar a conference committee report on a compromise electronic gaming bill that the House had already approved.

"I am humbly asking for a reconsideration of the fee but I support the bill's intent," the Senate president told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday.

Torres is seeking a meeting with House Ways and Means Committee chair and bill author Tony Sablan (Ind-Saipan), among others, to discuss the issue.

The same committee report recommended that businesses engaged in electronic gaming are not eligible for a qualifying certificate, a tax break program. It only allows electronic gaming operations at hotels or resorts with at least 100 rooms or those attached to a golf course if they have less than 100 rooms. These are only allowed on Saipan.

Senate floor leader Ray Yumul (Ind-Saipan), who voted to file the Saipan casino bill, said the electronic gaming bill "is still poised for passage in the Senate."

"It proposes to reserve 60 percent of the fees collected for retirees, among others," Yumul said.

The Senate move to set aside the casino bill comes at a time when the government needs to generate new, additional sources of revenue not only to meet its obligations under the NMI Retirement Fund global settlement agreement but also to restore the 25 percent cut in retirees' pension, while at the same time continuing to provide other

public services and programs.

But as far as the Inos administration is concerned, there is still hope for casino legalization on Saipan.

Gov. Eloy S. Inos does not object to conducting an independent feasibility and economic impact study on the legalization of casinos on Saipan, press secretary Angel Demapan said yesterday.

The Inos administration had advocated for legalization of casino on Saipan for purposes of generating additional revenue.

"With such a study, the people of Saipan will be afforded much needed information as to the impact and added resources the government stands to realize from this industry," Demapan said.

There is no telling, however, whether the administration would reprogram funds for such an independent study or the Legislature would appropriate funds for it.

But the Inos administration is hopeful about video lottery, which is now legal in the CNMI. A request for proposals for video lottery also has yet to be released.

"In the meantime, considerable progress is happening in the area of video lottery with the newly formed commission preparing to issue requests for proposals. The electronic gaming bill is also another revenue-generating measure pending. However, these were not intended to replace revenues that would've been realized from casino gaming. These are intended for generating additional revenue," he said.

By a vote of 7-1, the Senate decided to file the Saipan casino bill. Sen. Pete Reyes (Ind-Saipan), the only one who voted "no," said the Senate basically killed the bill.



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# No arrest warrant for disbarred lawyer Woodruff

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Superior Court Associate Judge David A. Wiseman did not issue an arrest warrant for controversial disbarred lawyer Stephen C. Woodruff after the latter submitted a document that the judge has been asking him to comply with the disbarment order.

In an order issued on Tuesday, Wiseman disclosed that Woodruff submitted, without filing or service on the other party in the disciplinary case, a document entitled, "In Camera Submission of Current and Pending Clients."

In-camera submission means filed in private.

The judge said Woodruff

stated reasons he believes exist that made it necessary for him to submit the document in this matter.

In an order issued on Friday, Wiseman said the court will issue an arrest warrant Tuesday, Nov. 26, at 9am for the lawyer to serve five days in prison if the court will not have a document that it deems is satisfactory regarding with the mandate of Rule 15 of the Commonwealth Disciplinary Rules and Procedure and the disbarment order.

In his order issued on Tuesday, Wiseman noted that Woodruff's in-camera submission was not requested by disciplinary counsel Thomas



Woodruff

Clifford nor authorized by the court.

The judge said notwithstanding Woodruff's alleged apprehension regarding submission of a list of his clients,

the court has not and will not make any finding thereon and does not deem that it warrants an in camera submission without prior court's authorization.

Wiseman pointed out that this disciplinary matter is not a sealed hearing and clients of a disbarred attorney, although they should be treated with discretion as to any notoriety, are not under seal.

Citing a precedent case, the judge said if the information should be protected, one should assert the privilege protecting the information and request an in camera inspection.

Wiseman said he is not treating Woodruff's submission "in-camera" and will the court's clerk file it and serve it on disciplinary counsel Clifford.

On Oct. 2, 2013, Wiseman found Woodruff in civil contempt for not complying with the court's disbarment order and sentenced him to five days in jail. The sentence, however, will be suspended if the lawyer complies with the requirements of the disbarment order.

Last Oct. 25, Wiseman found the lawyer's filing of affidavit "not deem adequate" to

satisfy the court's disbarment order against him.

The judge then ordered Woodruff to appear in court last Thursday, Nov. 21, to explain and clarify how his affidavit satisfied the court's mandates.

Woodruff was subsequently given until Tuesday at 9am to produce the required document.

## Inos to lead Christmas Tree lighting

Gov. Eloy S. Inos and Lt. Gov. Jude U. Hofschneider yesterday announced that the annual Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony will be held on Friday, Nov. 29, 2013 at 6pm at the Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center grounds.

The general public is invited to come together as a community to officially kick off the holiday season. The Department of Public Safety's holiday committee will be on hand to sing Christmas carols during the event. (*Office of the Governor*)

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# PSS 'dollar drive' for typhoon survivors raises \$10K

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The Public School System was able to raise \$10,000 for the victims of supertyphoon Haiyan in the Philippines and the amount was formally turned over to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter yesterday.

The school system, led by Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, spearheaded the "Dollar Drive" to assist typhoon victims in Tacloban City, Leyte in the Philippines where many PSS employees have families that were affected.

In a short ceremony yesterday, American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh received the check donation from the Board of Education led by chair Herman T. Guerrero and the PSS leadership team.

"I am forever grateful to the community especially to our students, faculty, leadership team, and central office staff for all the commitment that they did for this dollar drive campaign. PSS was able to raise \$10,000 for the victims in Tacloban City," Sablan told *Saipan Tribune*.

PSS kicked off its dollar drive campaign last Nov. 15 where the system's staff, school leaders, and board members trooped to the streets with their coin boxes encour-

aging motorists for support. The first dollar-drive effort was conducted after school hours in the island's major roads. Just within the three-hour period, they were able to collect over \$5,400, according to Sablan.

PSS finance director Derek Sasamoto told *Saipan Tribune* that the system raised a total of \$5,422 on Nov. 15 and during the week of Nov. 18-22, an additional \$3,100 were collected by schools as they continued the dollar drive.

"From those efforts alone, we were able to raise \$8,600," he said, adding that PSS and BOE decided to donate the additional \$1,400 for the drive to achieve the flat \$10,000. The additional funds were sourced from the funding left during the Pacific Education Conference.

For the commissioner, the success of the dollar campaign would not been possible if the staff and school leaders did not come in full force to really create an impact. PSS campaign is believed to have created a chain reaction after companies and organizations simultaneously came forward and gave charitable donations and monetary support for the typhoon survivors.

"In the spirit of Thanksgiving, we are grateful for such a wonderful support," she added.

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## Military to conduct training at Farallon de Medinilla

**ASAN, Guam**—The U.S. Navy and U.S. Marines will conduct training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla during the following dates and times:

- Dec. 2 from 10:30am to 1pm
- Dec. 3 from 4:30pm to 9pm
- Dec. 4 from 11am to 2pm
- Dec. 5 from 7pm to 8pm
- Dec. 6 from 2:30pm to 5pm

The general public—especially fishermen, commercial pilots, and marine tour operators—are advised to stay clear from the area during the times and dates indicated.

The general location of the training on the island of Farallon de Medinilla training

area will be on a 10 nautical mile radius on all quadrants. Farallon de Medinilla plays a special and unique role in national defense because its location provides access frequency that supports established training requirements. In addition, the air and sea space in the Farallon provides sufficient room for the many different attack profiles necessary to replicate training opportunities in the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

For more information, contact the Joint Region Marianas Public Affairs Office at (671) 349-3209. (PR)



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American Red Cross-NMI Chapter executive director John Hirsh, second right, accepts the \$10,000 check that was turned over yesterday for the victims of supertyphoon Haiyan in the Philippines. In photo from right are Board of Education chair Herman T. Guerrero, Hirsh, board members Tanya King and Janice Tenorio, Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan, and PSS finance director Derek Sasamoto.

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## IN ONGOING JURY TRIAL OF 2 DEFENDANTS IN COPPER WIRE THEFT CASE

## Judge Camacho dismisses 2 charges vs Anastacio

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Superior Court Associate Judge Joseph N. Camacho yesterday dismissed the two charges against one of two men, who are on jury trial on charges that they conspired with others in burglarizing a warehouse in Afetnas and stealing copper wires and tools.

In granting defense counsel William Fitzgerald's motion for judgment of acquittal, Camacho dismissed the charges of theft and conspiracy to commit theft against Petrus Anastacio.

The judge, however, denied the motion to dismiss the charge of accessory after the fact against Anastacio.

Camacho denied defense attorney Joaquin Torres' motion for judgment of acquittal against Sonny Babauta as to all counts.

The trial will continue on Friday at 9am.

Fitzgerald and Torres moved for judgment of acquittal after the prosecution rested its case yesterday afternoon.

Assistant attorneys general Chemere McField and Margo

### » Denies dismissal of charges against Babauta

Brown rested the government's case after calling in its sixth witness—Jeffrey Lizama, who was among the five defendants in this case.

Two other co-defendants—Matthias Salisban and Fiden Hamo—also testified for the government yesterday.

Lizama, Salisban, and Hamo all signed a plea agreement with the government and pleaded guilty.

Camacho already sentenced Lizama and Salisban to the full maximum jail term of 10 years in prison. Hamo will be sentenced after the trial.

According to the pros-



Camacho

ecution, on Dec. 18 and 19, 2012, Hamo twice entered the Han Nam warehouse, formerly known as the Onu Moda Factory, with co-defendants Babauta, Lizama, and Salisban.

Upon entering the warehouse, Hamo along with co-defendants, allegedly stole copper wires, power tools, and other items. The group, along with Anastacio, allegedly transported, altered, and stored the copper wires for resale.

## Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

November 28, 2005

### MPLT expenses unreasonable, excessive'

For three fiscal years covering 2002 to 2004, the Marianas Public Land Trust spent more than half a million dollars in travel expenses and incurred administrative expenses that "are higher than they should be," according to a Nov. 15 interim report by the Office of Public Auditor. The MPLT is the government agency entrusted with the "prudent" management of funds from public land leases [collected by the Marianas Public Lands Authority]. Transition team to meet with key govt officials this week. After undergoing ethics briefing and training, members of the transition committee of the incoming administration of Benigno Fitial and Timothy Villagomez would be meeting with key government officials beginning this week to ensure a smooth takeover of the CNMI government. Villagomez said the transition committee has formed 16 sub-committees tasked to look into situations at the different government agencies.

November 28, 2006

### House backs lower power rates bill

A proposed legislation seeking to bring power rates down passed the House of Representatives in a special session yesterday. The House members approved an amended version of House Bill 15-193, further reducing the rate scale originally proposed by the bill's author, House Minority Leader Arnold I. Palacios. The version now awaiting Senate action seeks to cut the monthly customer charges assessed by the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.: from \$5.60 to \$3.50 for residential customers, from \$7.67 to \$6 for businesses and government, and from \$56 to \$45 for non-conforming load. The bill, as amended by the Lower House, also proposes to peg electric non-fuel rates charged residential customers at one cent per kwh for the first 500 kwh, and at 4.4 cents per kwh for anything over 500 kwh. It also proposes electric non-fuel rates of 7.7 cents per kwh for commercial and government customers, and 21 cents for non-conforming load.

### Copper wire thieves cause power pole to blow up, affect well pump

Copper wire thieves caused a power pole to blow up and burn in Chalan Kanoa on Friday. Wire theft also affected a water well pump in Dandan on the same day. Department of Public Safety acting spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said yesterday that a residential area in the vicinity of the former Fish Mart in Chalan Kanoa experienced a power outage when a power pole blew up and burned Friday morning. Blas said police learned that when a CUC crew responded to the scene they discovered that a ground wire connected to the power pole had been dug out and cut off from the pole. CUC determined that the missing ground wire, which is coated, triggered the explosion and burning of the power pole.

Nov. 28, 2007

### Exit requirement can be cut to 60 days if...

Employers can reduce from six months to 60 days the periodic exit requirement for their foreign national workers by keeping a 30-percent local workforce, according to draft regulations implementing the new labor law. The Department of Labor stated in the proposed regulations that employers who have 30 percent of its full-time workforce made up of U.S. citizens and permanent residents are considered to have met the primary objective of the periodic exit requirement. "They have provided significant employment opportunities for U.S. citizens and permanent residents," the Labor Department said.

### CDA incurs \$13M delinquent loans

As of November 2007, the CDA has a total of 30 loans with outstanding balances and accrued interests totaling some \$13 million that have been brought to court. Oscar Camacho, acting chief executive officer of the Commonwealth Development Authority, said Monday that this indicates the high delinquency rate being experienced by the agency. "It is true. The delinquency rate is high in terms of the dollar amount and number of borrowers," Camacho said. He did not cite a specific delinquency rate for the agency. Camacho said that CDA has been diligent in collecting the dues and outstanding balances but because times are difficult, the numbers just keep on increasing.



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## EDITORIAL

### The interim accord on Tehran's nuclear program has its critics, but it does represent progress

**B**y definition, the interim agreement under which Iran agreed to suspend progress on its nuclear program in exchange for limited relief from economic sanctions isn't a permanent solution. But the deal worked out in Geneva over the weekend nevertheless represents progress in the long and frustrating effort to ensure that the Islamic Republic doesn't develop a nuclear weapon.

The "Joint Plan of Action" agreed to by Iran and the so-called P5-plus-1—the five permanent members of the U.N. Security Council and Germany—is at best a down payment on a final deal. To obtain what the White House calls "limited, temporary, targeted and reversible relief" from some sanctions, Iran has agreed for the next six months to halt all uranium enrichment above 5 percent, dismantle the technical connections required for such enrichment and limit its production of centrifuges used in that process. (Enrichment involves an increase in the percentage of an isotope that at very high levels can make a nuclear weapon possible.)

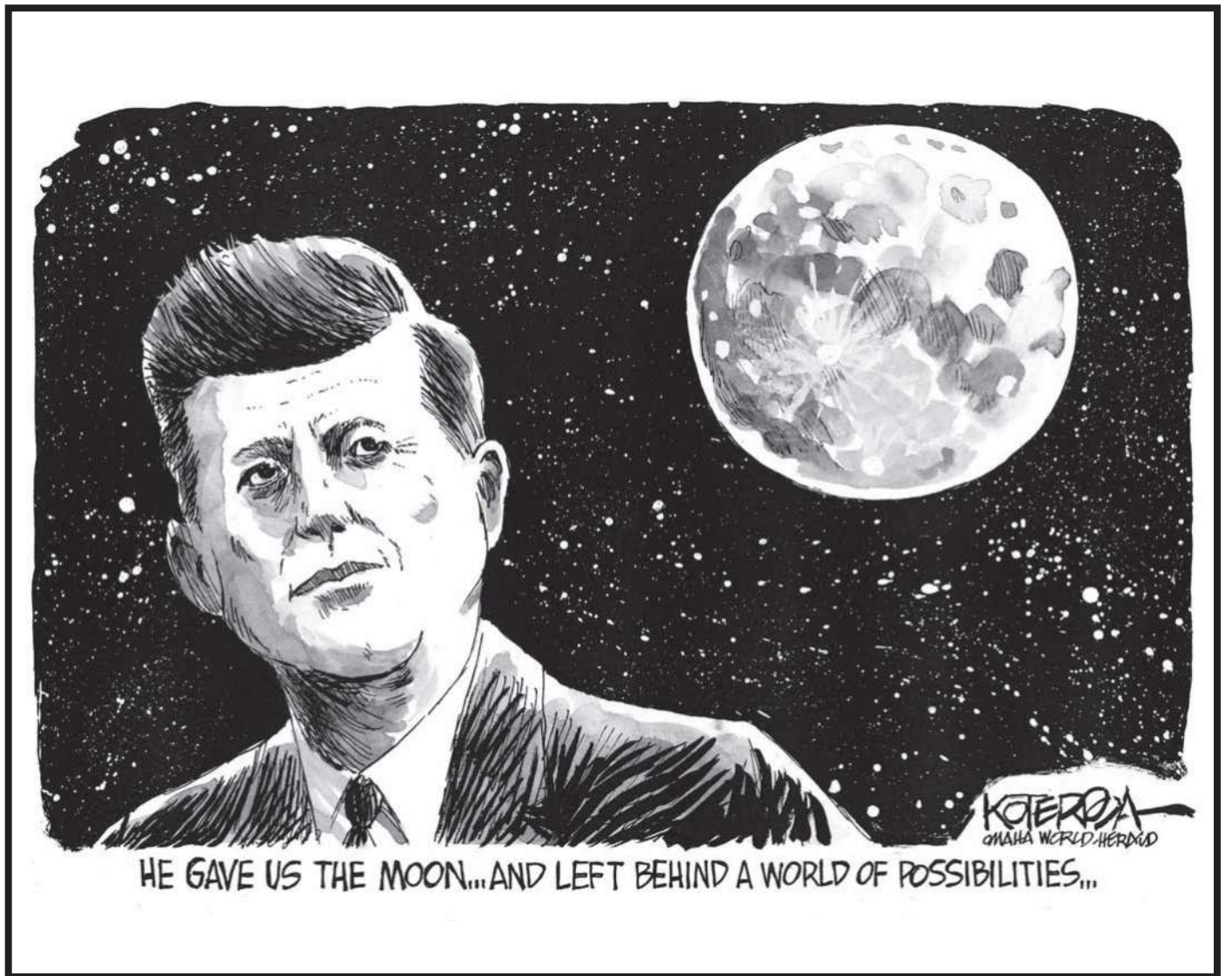
It also will refrain from commissioning a heavy-water reactor in the town of Arak that theoretically could produce plutonium that could be used to develop a nuclear weapon. The agreement allows for aggressive (in some cases daily) monitoring of Iranian facilities by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Critics make essentially three arguments. One is that the agreement is a retreat from the Security Council's previous insistence that Iran stop all enrichment. Yet it was expected that that demand would be softened if Iran were to take credible steps toward ensuring that it would use nuclear power for peaceful purposes only, and the nations that lobbied hard for the U.N. resolutions are the same ones that have entered into this interim agreement. Second is the suggestion that the P5-plus-1 should have held out for a final deal. A lasting solution is, of course, ultimately the goal, but limited and temporary relief from sanctions may make it easier for the new government of President Hassan Rouhani to persuade Iran's hardliners and religious leaders to support negotiations toward a permanent deal.

Finally, there is the complaint that Iran will drag out the negotiating process so that the P5-plus-1 will be pressured to extend the temporary agreement not just once or twice but indefinitely. Meanwhile, the argument goes, support for sanctions would crumble. It's true that a temporary, confidence-building agreement shouldn't be allowed to evolve into a permanent status quo. But this deal is a prudent way to test Iran's intentions.

The agreement is also a test for Congress. (Some have already flunked, such as Republican Sen. John Cornyn of Texas, whose response to the deal was this inane tweet: "Amazing what WH will do to distract attention from O-care.") Not every senator or representative will agree with Sen. Dianne Feinstein, D-Calif., that the deal is a "giant step forward." But even skeptics should hold their fire and give it time to succeed—or fail.

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## Thanksgiving

**N**ot pumpkin nor turkey; it is thanksgiving, dude! The Puritan's celebration was one of gratitude. What was ritualized was the affirmation of life, one's own and the neighbors, of bountiful harvest, weathering nature's harshness, and asserting the general trustworthiness of existence.

The ritual is religious. When a community establishes a practice that solidifies into a tradition going beyond the limits of a generation, it becomes a reflexive act that invites subsequent generations to act out the prescribe moves before asking the question of "what for," or "why." The doing does not require a conscious knowing. Thus, we have the turkey and the pumpkin without requiring an explication of meaning.

Jiu Yi Ba, an Oct. 18 historical ritual is observed here in Dong Bei. On that day, at 9am, sirens in Shenyang blare for five minutes to remind everyone what a duplicitous race the Japanese are after what they did in 1931. On this day, the Made in Japan railroad station in Mukden (Shenyang's previous name) was mysteriously attacked, giving militaristic Japan the excuse to take over the region. A ritual of hate is in place.

China does not have a xie xie day save today's commercial Thanksgiving, a shopping recycling of leftover orders from western markets. Oh, the hype is there, but the sense of gratitude is missing. "Thank You" and "I am sorry" are not phrases of social grace in casual discourse. When uttered, they merely maintain one's face (mianzi), and retain good relations (guanxi) to those perceived to be one's superior.

In my experience, "I am sorry" precedes the apology for "having poor English", preempting any possible comments on language usage, somewhat akin to the lady of the house who prepares a sumptuous meal and begins by saying, "I am sorry, we do not have enough food!" The gesture protects one from untoward remarks!

Like everything else in life, the external situation never determines one's internal stance. Gratitude is an existential resolve decided in spite of the delight and misery of normal life. In an old book from the Levant, it was the wail on whether one can sing the songs of Zion "by the rivers of Babylon" that the prophets responded to with a resounding "Yes."

Spirit warriors at the beginning of the current era squeezed the juice out of an ignominious crucifixion to declare that death holds no dominion! We've messed up various aspects of that central message through the years, but our use of the Gregorian calendar bears witness to the tenacity of that singular demonstration of gracious gratitude carried from the story of the baby in the manger to the hills of Golgotha! That life still elicits loud Hosannas in many quarters!

Yolanda (Haiyan of the international winds) tested our resolve big time in our personal response to disaster. Some friends noted

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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the absence of a "bleeding heart" tone in our literary reflections, even as body bags left untended raised accusations of neglect and incompetence, general and specific. I used the word "disconnect" as my term away from the traditional but emotive relief and aid methods of responding to the effects of Mother Nature's belching.

I lived in the Piedmont in the late '70s when tobacco companies tried to dissuade the medical community and the public from the notion that there is a link between tobacco smoking and lung cancer. I find the same attitude when connection is made by activists from increased incidences of strong quakes and fierce winds (typhoons and tornadoes) to climate change. Society's data bank of knowledge latches on to measures of objectivity from the positivist school of thought of a previous century that demands irrefutable connections, discards the wisdom of intuition, and ignores the lessons of experience.

Earthquakes used to happen in Manchuria once every 50 years. We've had six in the last three years. Climate change is not in dispute. Whether humans' use of fossil fuel contributing to it is. It finally does not matter. It is the internal resolve that counts.

Indeed, how can one sing the songs of Zion from the rivers of Babylon? An older tall boy in my 6th grade class at SVES, transferred mid-year from an outer island, glared down on me one day after being called for disturbing others in class, and said, "Consider yourself lucky that you are a teacher." He had a look on his face that showed an unmistakable threat with sinister delight. Echoes of that resonate in the murder of 24-year-old teacher Colleen Ritzer by her 14-year-old student Phillip Chism.

We open and close our spoken English class with a pedagogical hear-repeat ritual: "This is the day we have. We can live this day, or throw it away. This is the day we have." Students forcefully "loud out" the lines with gusto! It appears that the Pea Eye boxer Pacman (Congressman Pacquiao) over the weekend minded his punch in Macau as well. Samar-Leyte got a lift on the thankful spirit on this one.

The preschool ritual out of Chicago's Westside where the above came from ends with a declarative: "So let us live!" I do the same under my breath with grace and gratitude. Then I go one-step further with the folks at Hanukkah—rededicate my covenant with life!

So, to the turkey, thankshanukkah!



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Gi korason kada unu, machuchuda` fitme na sensian esperansa ya toduman-listu bumatbaruye i mattirun mattiempu. Ta gagau i Sainata, ginen na`mase` na tinayuyot-ta, bendision esperansa, mine-sñgon, pinasensia, yine`ase` yan himimidde gi karera mona. Siemp-re u fattu bendisiona gi bespiran Noche Buena.

I mañglu` tiempom maneñgheñg mas fresku `nai ha guaife dididi` chinatsagan hinasosota pot para talie` klaru finaposta gi halom te`ug na fina` sirenu. I fotgun hagun cha`guan u fagase papa` pinitita pot para ta ta`lun tumagam gi hilu` minagof finatton i Nanalibre-ta. Na metgot ina-ñgonkun miyu giya guiya sa` tai-chaigua yan taihinekog fuetsaña yan yine`aseña gi man-mauleg na kinilu siha gi pastahen enteru elmundu.

Maseha tininun Spam, finadene` satdinas yan titiyas, saubog golai haya yan otrusentada poble na natibu ni man-manñge`, lagnos ya in` aprubecha yan membron familia. Ta repasa inafamauleg yan malimiendan pogse` familia pa`gu na sakan. Fehman na tinayuyot para i nuebu na sakan. Ta faisen i Saina ya u apatta i dañu, U nae` ni deskansu i mangaige `sta gi naftan yan ayu seha kassu man-madis-pone dispues. Si Yuus Maase` yan Happy Thanksgiving!

Mattirun Siklu

I te`ug na pinadese yan chinatsaga guiya este i finattun siklu. Era, kada sisienta años chumatsaga enteru elmundu. Ti soplu tano`ta gi este na disposision ginen hilu`.

Puede esta ta danche i fondun tasi `nai ha birague` hulu` este na karera. Adumididi` ta tutuhon rumikohe tatte ha`anita. Gai tiempu este na birada ya tinaka ha` dies años estake para ta gosa dididi` linibianu gi linala`ta.

Hana` hahassuyu` un` tiempu `nai kontodu i mas fitme na kasunes-hu gungon (Levis) matiteg. Adahe para un` titeg kasunes gungon lau diberas adumididi` matiteg estake tai bali. Hombre gungon ha disase, kuandu menos kasunes regulat.

Lau tafan manayuyot gi Saina puede lachadeg galaide`ta tatte gi katma na kliman linana`la`. Makat magahet este na karera gi katkuet kinalamten.

Regalon Noche Buena

Sige ñietu yan ñieta siha mapasalista hafa malagu` niha na regalu para i bespiran noche buena. Tumegkun-yu` `nai hu hahassu tatte i mansen poble yan sinantusan na mañainan mame ni sumuñgun didog na tiempun ha`ilas.

Taya` regalu soluke `an basihan lateria ni in` chili` para i papa` satge ya sige in` sihun kadu` batku, biskileta yan tumobet. Uma`afagcha` yan tutuhon tiempun maipe. Pues, maseha man-minikukusan ham, in` sausau chadeg gi todumanaku` kanai mame mientras sige ta`lu in` cheneg hugeten `an basihan lateria. De dios na animu achog man-minikukusan.

Lau haye u hinahassu `an esta duru ham man-galileg gi halom odda` yan potbus!

Puti didog na chinatsaga

Gi hospitat Honolulu, Los Angeles, yan San Diego `nai hu faghae` mas mamoble na Amerikanu ke guahu. Esta humanau-yu` para i kapiyan hospitat manayuyot pot para bai` komprende haf` sustansian pineble. Magahet, de hemunos de kulot tautau `an finagchae` mamatmos gi halom fache` estau chinatsaga.

Dispues, i seriusu na mattirun minalañgu tai ineskohe lasas `sino rasan tautau. Parehu puti na pinadese ni sen oppan gi matan kada familia ni fumalague hospitat inespihan ausiliu.

I pineble yan ti amtiyun na chenet ni hulie` guihe siha na hospitat teñguañghu tatte Saipan dispues de felis todufinapos i lahihu. Esta pa`gu fitme na leksion linie`hu pot dos modun chinatsaga. Diberas, mansuetten tautau hit mit besis ke memegaiña. Fan mannae` mit gracias na Thanksgiving Day.

Para mona, mas guaguan apas setbision hinemlu` kontodu amot.

By JOHN DELROSARIO  
Special to the Saipan Tribune

John DelRosario Jr. is a former publisher of the Saipan Tribune and a former secretary of the Department of Public Lands.



Man-namase` tautau-ta ni manai keble para u kubre gaston mana` hanau malañgun familia para hospitat hiyuñg Marianas.

Klaru este na indikasion na mampos bahu yan malañgu lokue` ekonomia-ta. Poresu na guaha `nai finagchae` mamapot i malañgu mana` hanau ensegidas.

Pot para ta bira este na pinadese, presisu na tafana`gue famaguonta man-homlu` siha na pinetsige desde sentada yan etsisiu. Sineyu` yan finanaguen mauleg na modun hinemlu` gi famaguon-ta mas fitme sa` desde man-hoben man-mafana`gue haf` propiu pot hinemlu` niha.

Maulegña prinibene pa`gu ke para tafan a`adulalag gi fina` gotpe pot diskuiduta mismu. Famo`lu dididi` para `an ginacha` hau u`uchan lau manana mampos i ha`ane.

Todu u fan malofan gi chalan chinatsaga pot minalañgu, hoben pat amku`. Este i dos chinatsaga tai ineskohe kau haf` kulot lasasmu `sino haf` estaumu, riku pat poble. I pinadese parehu gi katkuet pa-ñgpañg chubaskun lina`la`.

Sumen na` pinite un` tata `nai ha sasañgan i uttimu biahe `nai halie` asaguaña yan lahiña antes de u fan hinala papa` ni napu gi duranten metgot pagyu giya Tacloban, Fipinas. Un` patgoña ni hagugu`ot libre. Makat na pinadese ya mauleg ta hahassu i prohimu gi tinayuyot-ta puede u lalibianu `an ha tutuhon rumikohe tatte ha`aniña.

`Nai mana` para un` amku` pot ti sumaga gi Stop Sign, finaisen ni polisia haf` na mampos hinalulula. Ilegña, “Ke sa` un` dudulalagyu`, pindehu!”

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Citizenship for aliens or what?

Editor's Note: Due to its length, the following letter is being published in three parts. This is the first part.

The only question for the alien workforce is what will the final outcome be of the petition? I just signed the petition that is going around for the following reasons which I know are shared by many in the community. I don't mean to be insensitive given what has happened in the Philippines but it must be said.

It is not fair or right to transfer over half of the future political voting power to the alien workforce with the stroke of the president's pen. The political power of the CNMI was not intended for the alien workforce rule over nor did the alien workforce ask for citizenship or expect political power when they came here to work—so let's be real about this.

I know for a fact that many, if not the majority of alien workers don't give a darn about being a U.S. citizen as long as they can stay here even though it was understood up-front they couldn't stay forever—keep it real.

I would like to believe that the alien work force will understand that we must start doing more to assure that our children will have

good-paying jobs and political control of their future.

But locals and the alien workforce must walk a mile in each others' shoes on this one to really know what we are up against and to really find an equitable solution.

With that being said, I think the best solution is for “permanent residency” to be granted to the alien workers deem essential by the CNMI government that will remain after 2014 deadline date. Those who remain can then get in line like everyone else to become a U.S. citizen. I view this as a compromise that will meet the expectations of locals, alien workers, and the feds on this issue, as many alien workers are a burden on the federal food subsidy program and health services. The challenge is can the people get our governor and delegate to get it done?

The U.S. Senate Bill S. 744, Section 2109 approving a pathway to citizenship is truly the talk of the island and for good reasons. It should have been discussed and even brought to the people before our leaders committed to such a provision. If we had a polling system this would have never happen as the people would have been polled but here we are again trying to fix something when it may be

too late. I knew during the last election that this day was coming as I warned voters about how Kilili was helping the business sector but threatening local sovereignty—it is another I told you so but who really believes Mr. Bennett the outsider with an IQ of 139. It was also obvious after my letter giving the devastating numbers proving the voting power would shift to the alien workforce that everyone woke up and not one thank you to Mr. Bennett and his predictions that always come true!

How soon the governor and our delegate forget the purpose and intent of the alien workforce and now it seems the alien workforce might be U.S. citizens. Anyway, we will just have to wait and see what happens and I wouldn't bet on locals or the alien workforce on this one as it is clearly out of our hands now and the only person in a position to fix it is our delegate. I pray that he can do something great and get this fixed because the people are definitely going to hold him accountable for letting this happen.

I do have a real solution to transitioning the workforce that I offered years ago but as usual no one listened but maybe now they will have too—the not-until-we-have-to attitude that's killing us. I will be reasserting the research based and proven public service program that I tried to get PSS to adopt but was totally ignored.

Ambrose M. Bennett  
Kagman

Defending the land

If you want the Chamorros and Carolinians to include you, then you got to call yourself a Chamorro and be one in defending our land.

I am one of you whose parents are not Chamorro. My mother was a half Korean and my father was Korean. And believe me I was discriminated, alienated, and abused. But that did not stop me from claiming my identity as a Chamorro Korean. My father got his U.S. passport when he was 70 years old. He was a scientist who contributed so much to building the economy, which I never knew, until many of his clients who became successful told me.

One thing he taught me was to respect others and you will be respected. He always told me this, “You're the one who is educated, and why you don't understand.” Well, now I understand.

To those who are talking about racism and discrimination. That is a practice all over the world. About corruption and human traf-

ficking, those too are being practiced in other big countries and are worse than here.

The CNMI was once a beautiful, friendly, and peaceful place. Today it is changing very fast, because of the influence of different cultures and the lack of education among our leaders. They say that our leaders are responsible for the corruption and other unconstitutional practice, well guess what? The Chamorros that I knew back then are not like that. They don't know prostitution, abuse of authority, or understand the constitution well enough to practice and explain to our people. That is until we imported help to develop our economy, and they hired experts to give advice, build infrastructure, roads, airport, hospital, power plants, etc. These advisors not only advise but also taught our leaders other ways of making money that led to corruption and the destruction of the economy. Look at the Philippines, many whom I know are telling me that their place has changed, their place was not like that before, until they invited investors with different cultures and beliefs. They too are struggling and are being accused of corruption. But are they the

ones who started it?

All of us are seeking hope for a better CNMI, better living, and if we continue accusing each other or labeling each other, later on we are all going to end up like every other nation. Rather than fight who is right, or wrong, if you're born and raised here, then you should call yourself a Chamorro. You need to include yourself as one. Because many of the Chamorros here are descendants of Filipinos, Koreans, Japanese, Germans, and Chinese, but they don't say that they are Filipinos and Koreans, but call themselves Chamorro Filipino or Chamorro Korean.

Instead of accusing our leaders of corruption let us help them make the CNMI a better and safer place to live. Forgive and you shall be forgiven. From this day forward we the descendants of different nations will be the next CNMI generation. Let us join as one in defending our land that is so tiny compared to that of the United States.






Winnie Atalig  
San Jose, Tinian



Satellite image and accompanying information are provided by the National Weather Service. For an updated weather forecast, visit the National Weather Service Guam Homepage: [www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/](http://www.prh.noaa.gov/guam/)

# The Weather

## 5-Day Forecast for Saipan and Tinian

| TODAY   | FRIDAY  | SATURDAY  | SUNDAY   | MONDAY  |
|---|---|---|--|---|
|  |  |  |  |  |
| Mostly sunny with isolated showers. East winds 10 to 15 mph.                      | Partly cloudy with isolated showers. East winds 5 to 15 mph.                      | Partly cloudy with isolated showers.  | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.   | Mostly cloudy with isolated showers.  |
| ▲87° ▼77°   | ▲87° ▼77°   | ▲87° ▼77°   | ▲86° ▼77°  | ▲86° ▼77°   |

### Micronesia

|               |               |         |
|---------------|---------------|---------|
| Guam And Rota | Sunny         | ▲86 ▼79 |
| Palau         | Thunderstorms | ▲87 ▼76 |
| Yap           | Mostly Sunny  | ▲89 ▼77 |
| Chuuk         | Showers       | ▲85 ▼79 |
| Pohnpei       | Showers       | ▲86 ▼75 |
| Kosrae        | Showers       | ▲86 ▼75 |
| Majuro        | Thunderstorms | ▲85 ▼79 |

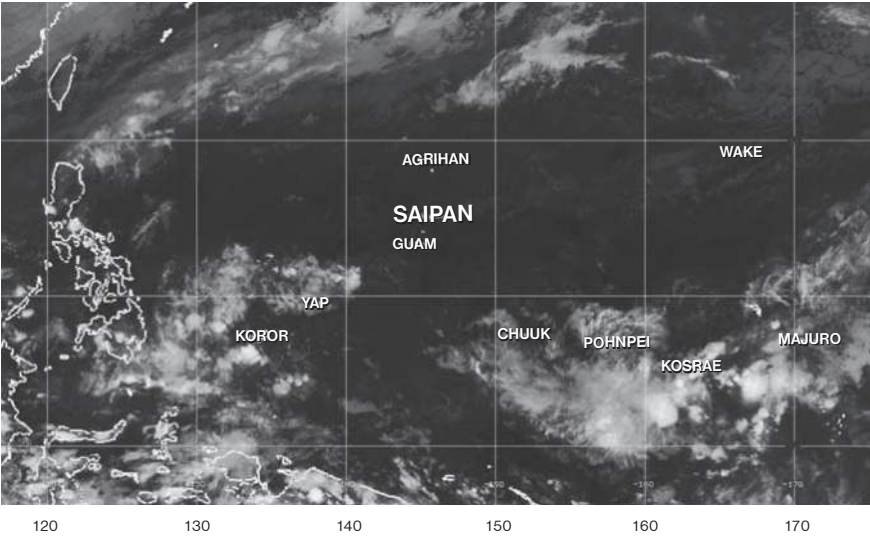
### Around The Globe

|                |               |         |
|----------------|---------------|---------|
| Auckland       | Rain          | ▲70 ▼63 |
| Beijing        | Sunny         | ▲42 ▼24 |
| Hong Kong      | Showers       | ▲65 ▼55 |
| Honolulu       | Mostly Sunny  | ▲82 ▼70 |
| London         | Mostly Cloudy | ▲47 ▼42 |
| Los Angeles    | Partly Cloudy | ▲71 ▼52 |
| Manila         | Partly Cloudy | ▲88 ▼77 |
| Melbourne      | Cloudy        | ▲75 ▼51 |
| Miami          | Showers       | ▲77 ▼50 |
| New York       | Rain          | ▲57 ▼27 |
| Osaka          | Partly Cloudy | ▲51 ▼42 |
| Paris          | Mostly Cloudy | ▲43 ▼41 |
| Pusan          | Windy         | ▲47 ▼35 |
| Rome           | Sunny         | ▲50 ▼38 |
| Salem          | Partly Cloudy | ▲53 ▼34 |
| San Francisco  | Partly Cloudy | ▲65 ▼50 |
| Seoul          | Mostly Sunny  | ▲34 ▼26 |
| Tokyo          | Mostly Sunny  | ▲58 ▼41 |
| Washington, DC | Rain          | ▲43 ▼27 |

### Tides

| Saipan Harbor |       |            |          |
|---------------|-------|------------|----------|
| 3:27 AM       | Today | High Tide: | 1.3 Feet |
| 9:05 AM       | Today | Low Tide:  | 0.7 Feet |
| 3:33 PM       | Today | High Tide: | 1.9 Feet |
| 10:36 PM      | Today | Low Tide:  | 0.4 Feet |

### Yesterday's Satellite Image



**PICTURE TIME: 1:00PM, WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2013**  
Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A stationary front runs southwestward from northwest of Minami Tori Shima at 25N150E to beyond 130E at 21N. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are occurring along and up to 50 miles northwest of the front east of 22N144E. Low-level clouds and scattered showers are found along and up to 250 miles northwest of the frontal boundary west of 22N144E. A near-equatorial trough stretches eastward from 4N130E to the equator at 138E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are located near the equator south of a line from 2N130E to 2N138E. A surface trough over the Republic of Palau stretches southward from 11N135E to 5N134E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found mainly west of Koror between 12N and 3N from 130E to 135E. Similar weather is found north of Yap within 60 miles of a line from 11N135E to 11N142E. Another near-equatorial trough reaches southeastward from near Chuuk at 7N152E to a circulation centered southwest of Kosrae at 2N159E then turns northeastward to end near Majuro at 7N172E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are located southeast of Chuuk and south of Pohnpei between 7N and the equator from 152E to 163E. Scattered showers exist over the Marshall Islands between 8N and 3N from 167E to 175E.

### Sunrise/Sunset

|          |         |         |
|----------|---------|---------|
| Today    | 6:25 AM | 5:44 PM |
| Friday   | 6:26 AM | 5:44 PM |
| Saturday | 6:26 AM | 5:45 PM |
| Sunday   | 6:27 AM | 5:45 PM |
| Monday   | 6:28 AM | 5:45 PM |

### Moonrise/Moonset

|          |         |         |
|----------|---------|---------|
| Today    | 1:35 AM | 1:50 PM |
| Friday   | 2:26 AM | 2:33 PM |
| Saturday | 3:21 AM | 3:19 PM |
| Sunday   | 4:18 AM | 4:10 PM |
| Monday   | 5:18 AM | 5:05 PM |

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| DEPARTURES   | ARRIVALS  |
|--|---|
| <b>SAIPAN-GUAM (GUM)</b><br>UA5070 4:15am 5:05am Daily<br>UA5068 8:40am 9:30am Daily<br>UA5038 2:20pm 3:10pm 2, 3, 6<br>UA5078 6:05pm 6:55pm Daily<br>UA5072 9:50pm 10:40pm Daily  | <b>GUAM (GUM)-SAIPAN</b><br>UA5069 2:45am 3:35am Daily<br>UA5071 7:15am 8:05am Daily<br>UA5039 12:10pm 1:00pm 1, 4, 5, 7<br>UA5077 4:45pm 5:35pm Daily<br>UA5079 8:30pm 9:20pm Daily  |
| <b>SAIPAN-ROTA (ROP)</b><br>UA5039 1:35pm 2:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7  | <b>GUAM (GUM)-ROTA (ROP)</b><br>UA5038 12:10pm 12:45pm 2, 3, 6  |
| <b>ROTA (ROP)-GUAM (GUM)</b><br>UA5039 2:40pm 3:10pm 1, 4, 5, 7  | <b>ROTA (ROP)-SAIPAN</b><br>UA5038 1:15pm 1:50pm 2, 3, 6  |
| <b>SAIPAN-PALAU (ROR)</b><br>DL287 6:05am 11:25pm 2, 6 via NRT   | <b>PALAU (ROR)-SAIPAN</b><br>DL298 4:35am 3:00pm 3, 7 via NRT   |
| <b>SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)</b><br>DL287 6:05am 8:40am 1, 2, 4, 5, 6<br>DL297 4:30pm 7:20pm Daily   | <b>NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN</b><br>DL298 10:25am 3:00pm Daily<br>DL288 8:55pm 1:30am+1 1, 3, 4, 5, 7   |
| <b>SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)</b><br>OZ608 3:10am 6:20am 1, 4, 5, 7  | <b>BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN</b><br>OZ607 9:00pm 1:50am+1 3, 4, 6, 7   |
| <b>SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)</b><br>OZ606 2:10am 6:00am 1<br>OZ102 2:20am 5:50am 3<br>OZ606 2:40am 6:30am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7<br>OZ6063 3:30am 7:20am 4, 7<br>DZ104 2:00pm 5:30pm 6<br>OZ604 3:20pm 7:10pm Daily   | <b>SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN</b><br>DZ101 8:30am 2:00pm 3<br>OZ603 9:00am 2:20pm Daily<br>DZ103 7:30pm 1:00am+1 6<br>OZ605 7:40pm 1:00am+1 7<br>OZ605 8:10pm 1:30am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6<br>OZ6053 9:10pm 2:30am+1 3, 6  |
| <b>SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)</b><br>3U8648 6:10am 8:40am 1, 4, 5, 7  | <b>SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN</b><br>3U8647 10:40pm 5:00am+1 3, 4, 6, 7  |
| <b>SAIPAN-BEIJING (PEK)</b><br>MU764 4:10am 8:00am 1, 5  | <b>BEIJING (PEK)-SAIPAN</b><br>MU763 7:55pm 3:10am+1 4, 7   |
| <b>SAIPAN-GUANGZHOU (CAN)</b><br>3U8646 4:20am 7:30am 2, 6   | <b>GUANGZHOU (CAN)-SAIPAN</b><br>3U8645 7:40pm 3:00am+1 1, 5  |
| <b>SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)</b><br>OZ606/701 2:10am 11:15am 1 via ICN<br>OZ606/701 2:40am 11:15am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN<br>UA5070/191 4:15am 9:05am 3, 6 via GUM<br>DL287/473 6:05am 10:30pm 1, 2, 4, 5, 6 via NRT<br>UA5068/PR111 8:40am 4:45pm 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM<br>UA5038/183 2:20pm 9:30pm 2 via GUM<br>UA5078/183 6:05pm 9:50pm 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM<br>OZ604/703 3:20pm 11:00pm Daily via ICN | <b>MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN</b><br>OZ704/603 12:10am 2:20pm Daily<br>PR110/UA5072 7:35am 5:35pm 1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM<br>DL172/288 7:40am 1:30am+1 1, 3, 4, 5, 7 via NRT<br>UA190/5079 10:00am 5:35pm 3, 6 via GUM<br>OZ702/605 12:30pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN<br>OZ702/605 12:30pm 1:30am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN<br>UA184/5071 10:55pm 8:05am+1 1, 3, 4, 6, 7 via GUM<br>UA184/5071 11:59pm 8:05am+1 2, 5 via GUM |
| <b>SAIPAN-HONG KONG (HKG)</b><br>OZ606/721 2:10am 11:50am 1 via ICN<br>OZ606/721 2:40am 11:50am 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN<br>UA5068/179 8:40am 10:35pm 1, 5 via GUM<br>UA5038/179 2:20pm 10:35pm 3, 6 via GUM<br>OZ604/749 3:20pm 11:00pm Daily via ICN   | <b>HONG KONG (HKG)-SAIPAN</b><br>OZ746/603 12:30am 2:20pm Daily via ICN<br>OZ722/605 1:15pm 1:00am+1 7 via ICN<br>OZ724/605 1:50pm 1:30am+1 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN<br>UA180/5071 11:10pm 8:05am+1 1, 3, 5, 6 via GUM  |

LEGEND: Days: Monday (1), Tuesday (2), Wednesday (3), Thursday (4), Friday (5), Saturday (6) and Sunday (7); 3U: Sichuan Airlines; MU: China Eastern; UA: United Airlines; DL: Delta Airlines; OZ: Asiana; VLK: Vladivostok Air; SYL: Yakutia Air; D: Dynamic Airways.

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## FREEDOM AIR FLIGHT SCHEDULE

| Airline              | ETD   | ETA   | Frequency | Airline              | ETD   | ETA   | Frequency |
|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|----------------------|-------|-------|-----------|
| <b>Guam-Rota</b>     |       |       |           | FRE 115              | 13:00 | 13:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 100              | 7:30  | 8:00  | Daily     | FRE 117              | 14:30 | 14:40 | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Saipan</b>   |       |       |           | FRE 119              | 16:00 | 16:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 100              | 8:20  | 8:50  | Daily     | FRE 121              | 16:40 | 16:50 | Daily     |
| <b>Guam-Rota</b>     |       |       |           | FRE 123              | 17:40 | 17:50 | Daily     |
| FRE 300              | 17:00 | 17:30 | Daily     | FRE 125              | 18:30 | 18:40 | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Saipan</b>   |       |       |           |                      |       |       |           |
| FRE 1750             | 17:50 | 18:20 | Daily     | <b>Tinian-Saipan</b> |       |       |           |
| <b>Saipan-Rota</b>   |       |       |           | FRE 102              | 7:05  | 7:15  | Daily     |
| FRE 200              | 9:30  | 10:00 | Daily     | FRE 104              | 7:50  | 8:00  | Daily     |
| <b>Rota-Guam</b>     |       |       |           | FRE 106              | 8:20  | 8:30  | Daily     |
| FRE 400              | 18:55 | 19:25 | Daily     | FRE 108              | 9:00  | 9:10  | Daily     |
| <b>Saipan-Rota</b>   |       |       |           | FRE 110              | 10:00 | 10:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 400              | 19:40 | 20:10 | Daily     | FRE 112              | 11:05 | 11:15 | Daily     |
| <b>Saipan-Tinian</b> |       |       |           | FRE 114              | 12:00 | 12:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 101              | 6:45  | 6:55  | Daily     | FRE 116              | 13:30 | 13:40 | Daily     |
| FRE 103              | 7:30  | 7:40  | Daily     | FRE 118              | 14:50 | 15:00 | Daily     |
| FRE 105              | 8:00  | 8:10  | Daily     | FRE 120              | 16:20 | 16:30 | Daily     |
| FRE 107              | 8:40  | 8:50  | Daily     | FRE 122              | 17:00 | 17:10 | Daily     |
| FRE 109              | 9:10  | 9:20  | Daily     | FRE 124              | 18:05 | 18:15 | Daily     |
| FRE 111              | 10:45 | 10:55 | Daily     | FRE 126              | 18:50 | 19:00 | Daily     |



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- Log on to the internet at [www.nmicrimestoppers.com](http://www.nmicrimestoppers.com)



**COMMUNITY BRIEFS****North Field on Tinian closed on Friday**

Tinian's North Field will be closed from 7am to 1pm on Friday. The Department of Public Safety will have officers posted at each entrance to stop traffic.

The closure is necessary for the U.S. Marines to use explosives to remove some large ironwood trees from the runways they are clearing. (PR)

**JKPL closed Dec. 2-7**

The Joeten-Kiyu Public Library is sorry to inform the public that from Dec. 2 to 7, 2013, the library will be closed for inventory. (PR)

**CGC has new telephone numbers**

Learn more about substance abuse and mental health services by contacting the Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Community Guidance Center at its new telephone numbers 323-6560/1 and fax number 323-6590.

For Mental Health/Wellness Services, Victims of Crime Act (VOCA) and Psychiatric Out-patient Services call 234-8950 extension 3311.

For Substance Abuse Treatment & Recovery Services and the Transitional Living Center call 323-4060/3.

Remember, prevention works, treatment is effective, and people do recover. (PR)

**Kagman schools PTS meeting on Dec. 2**

Kagman Elementary School, Kagman High School, and Chacha Oceanview Middle School will hold its PTSA meeting on Dec. 2, 6pm-7pm at the KagES Cafeteria.

No elections was held last meeting on Nov. 21, 2013, due to lack of quorum. Thus, your attendance for this coming meeting is greatly appreciated.

Before the meeting, special presentations by the Kagman schools will be done for all parents as a thank you for all that

they do to support the students! Refreshments will be offered during the meeting (only while supplies last).

Kagman schools are reminding everyone that a quorum of 50 parents is needed to hold the meeting and to have the PTSA

officers election.

For more information, call 664-3911/2/3 (KagES), 664-4100/2/3 (COVMS), or 664-

3780 (KHS). You can also email ruth.calvo@cnmipss.org, vince.delacruz@cnmipss.org, leila.staffler@cnmipss.org. (PR)

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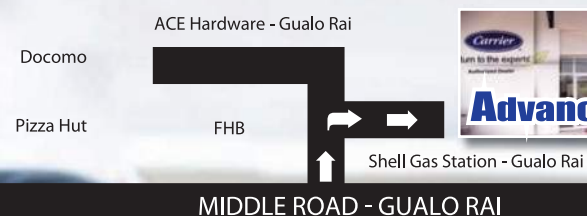
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# NMI Scholarship Office cuts EAP awards

By **MONETH G. DEPOSA**  
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REPORTER

The CNMI Scholarship Office disclosed yesterday that recipients of its financial awards this Fall 2013 semester are receiving a lower assistance after a cut was decided and formally enforced.

Scholarship Administrator Rose Pangelinan admitted this to *Saipan Tribune*, citing the decision was reached following approval of the new fiscal year budget that will fund the scholarship grants for the Fall 2013 semester.

The CNMI Scholarship Office is handling two scholarship programs, namely educational assistance program (EAP) and the Honors scholarship program.

Under the EAP program, eligible applicants receive \$1,050 financial assistance per semester

if they are pursuing education outside the Commonwealth. For those EAP recipients enrolled at Northern Marianas College, the financial assistance amounts to \$908 per school year while \$700 for quarter scholars.

Pangelinan disclosed that new EAP awards are \$850 for per semester scholar, while \$550 for quarter term scholars. This reflects a 19-percent cut for per semester recipients and a 21-percent cut for quarter term scholars.

The reduction in awards, *Saipan Tribune* learned, was based on the budget approved for the program in FY 2014 which is \$1.2 million.

"This amount is determined by the annual appropriation after Honor Scholarship awards have been paid, the remainder is divided among the EAP recipients. This amount took effect

this Fall 2013," she confirmed.

To avail of the EAP award, it requires meeting a 2.25 cumulative GPA and the scholar must be enrolled in 12 units or more for the semester.

Records from the scholarship office show that there are a total of 512 scholars approved for Fall 2013 semester. The office recorded 366 applications that were denied for the semester assistance. Of those approved, only 38 students are receiving the Honors scholarship assistance. They are completing their degrees here and abroad. At present, Honor recipient receives up to \$15,000 financial awards per semester depending on the "unmet" needs of students.

Honors scholarship program had stopped receiving new applicants beginning Fall 2013 semester as a result of the ex-

piration of the sunset provision that created the program. What the scholarship is providing to its scholars, are the assistance to complete the remaining years of their degrees. The law needs to be amended for the Honors

scholarship to continue beyond 2013.

The NMI Scholarship Office functions under the Office of the Governor. Its primary mission is to provide financial assistance to eligible CNMI students pur-

suing post secondary education. This mission is also designed to enhance the government's support of the students, resulting in the prosperity and economic growth of the people in the community and their families.

## New option for transition into Obamacare

The Obama administration last Nov. 14 announced a transitional policy that allows health insurers to renew current policies for current enrollees without adopting the 2014 market rules—giving consumers in the individual and small group markets the choice of staying in their plan next year. This decision was made to help smooth out the transition into ACA compliance and to ensure consumers are not abruptly cancelled from their plan or policy.

Adopting this new policy is optional for state regulators and CNMI Secretary of Commerce and Insurance Commissioner, Sixto K. Igisomar, has announced today that the CNMI will allow insurance carriers to offer this renewal option.

"This renewal option will give CNMI health insurance consumers and carriers more time to transition into plans that are compliant with the 2014 provisions of the Affordable Care Act," explained Igisomar. "This transition option may not be available for everyone however, because it is at the insurance issuer's discretion to offer this option."

The CNMI Insurance Sec-

tion issued an administrative notice to carriers on Wednesday which outlines the rules and requirements of offering this new option to current enrollees. Specifically, this transitional policy only applies to renewal of current plans and does not mean that new plans or policies offered in 2014 are exempt from following the new health care reform rules.

"We have also issued standard notices that insurance carriers must use to inform their enrollees of this option, if they choose to offer it," added Igisomar.

FAQs and guidance issued from the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) confirm that these renewed plans must still comply with all reforms up to 2013 and that this renewal offer does not apply to grandfathered plans.

### What this means for you

Consumer advocacy officer, Kaitlyn Neises-Mocanu of the CNMI Consumer Assistance Program (CAP) offered this clarification for consumers, "This means that if you like the individual or small-group market plan or policy you have had since October 1st, 2013, you

can still renew it in 2014, even if it is not compliant with the new 2014 rules. Your insurance company must determine if they are able to offer you this option, but your insurer needs to send you a letter clearly explaining your options if they do offer it."

This new option is separate from Gov. Eloy S. Inos' request for an implementation extension of Affordable Care Act market reforms sent to Department of Health and Human Services Secretary, Kathleen Sebelius, in October. The governor has yet to receive a response to this request.

This is the third notice to carriers issued in the past few months from the CNMI Insurance Section regarding compliance with the federal health care reform.

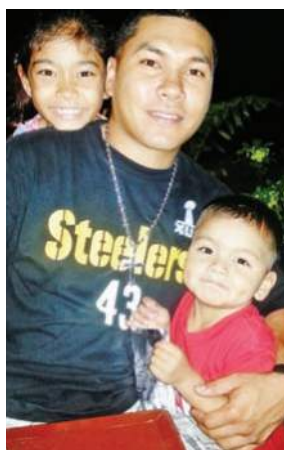
The new administrative notice, the standard notices that carriers must use to inform enrollees, and FAQs and guidance issued from CMS are available to the public on the CNMI CAP website, [cnmicap.wordpress.com](http://cnmicap.wordpress.com). You may also pick these up by request from the CAP office on the second floor of the Department of Commerce. (*Office of Governor*)

## BIRTHDAY SHOUTOUTS



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Happy birthday Raymond Caleb and many more to come! Hope you enjoy this special day with lots of love and fun. Greetings coming from your godparents Mar-tea, Katie, Mark, and Joel.



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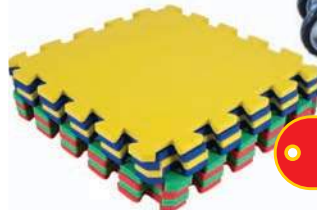
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# USDA awards \$500K renewable energy grant to CNMI business

**HILO, Hawaii**—Chris J. Kanazawa, State Director for USDA Rural Development, announced the selection of Marianas Business Plaza Solar, LLC to receive a \$500,000 Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) Grant to fund a 650 KhW Photovoltaic Solar Carport System.

This award clearly demonstrates the Obama administration's effort to create a clean energy economy," stated Kanazawa, State Director for the State of Hawaii and the Western Pacific. "The benefits from this project will not only result in energy savings and reduce electricity costs to the people of the Commonwealth of the Mariana Islands (CNMI), but it also provides an economic stimulus by creating new capital investment and jobs."

The grant will be used, together with \$1.8 million of private financing, to construct a 650-kilowatt solar power/carport system over the parking lot at the Marianas Business Plaza in Susupe, Saipan. The Marianas Business Plaza project was one of only five projects nationwide to receive the maximum allowable REAP grant of \$500,000. Another of the maximum grants went to a solar project in Maryland; and three were for projects converting biomass to energy.

When completed, the project will be one of the largest solar systems in the region, and it will produce 100 percent of the Plaza's electricity needs.

The former Nauru building is

one of the biggest commercial buildings on Saipan and boosts eight floors. The building houses restaurants, law offices, educational organizations, and more. The carports will be erected at the front of the building and will serve multiple purposes: (1) they will carry the over 2000 solar panels and serve as carport covers, and (2) they will serve as permanent covers for night and day markets, tourist activities, car shows, and other events.

"We sincerely appreciate the USDA's confidence in MBPS as indicated by this great award, and we are so honored to have been selected after competing at the national level for the grant," stated Erick Van Der Maas, part owner of the Marianas Business Plaza Solar. "We believe in the critical importance that solar energy plays in not only making life more affordable, but in helping the rest of the planet fight against climate change and global warming. But this project is not just about providing cleaner, safer, and cheaper energy, it's about providing jobs and an activity for locals and tour-

ists, and it's about helping our local economy grow stronger."

"We want to reach out to more farmers, ranchers and small businesses in the CNMI and encourage them to take advantage of this funding opportunity that is available to finance investments in renewable energy and energy efficiency systems," stated Joe Diego, Area Director. "RD understands that investment in these systems can be costly; however, our REAP offers an affordable financing alternative to eligible entities who desire to invest in these systems. Ultimately, the investment will assist farmers, ranchers and businesses become more sustainable in the face of rising energy costs in the CNMI while at the same time becoming more environmentally-friendly."

The Rural Energy for America Program (REAP) authorized through the Food, Conservation, and Energy Act of 2008, provides assistance to agricultural producers and rural small businesses to complete a variety of projects. Offering both loan guarantees and grants, the

REAP program helps eligible applicants install renewable energy systems such as solar panels or anaerobic digesters, make energy efficiency improvements such as installing irrigation pumps or replacing ventilation systems, and conduct energy audits and feasibility studies.

Agriculture Secretary Tom Vilsack noted that today's funding announcement is another reminder of the importance of USDA programs for rural America. A comprehensive new Food, Farm and Jobs Bill would further expand the rural economy. He said that's just one reason why Congress must get a comprehensive Food, Farm and Jobs Bill done as soon as possible.

President Obama's plan for rural America has brought about historic investment and resulted in stronger rural communities. Under the President's leadership, these investments in housing, community facilities, businesses and infrastructure have empowered rural America to continue leading the way—strengthening America's econ-

omy, small towns and rural communities. USDA's investments in rural communities support

the rural way of life that stands as the backbone of our American values. **(PR)**

## DEQ red-flags 4 sites on Saipan

The Division of Environmental Quality has raised the red flag on Tanapag Meeting Hall, Diamond Hotel, CK Dist. No. 2 Drainage, and CK Dist. No. 4 Lally Beach and advises the public not to fish or swim within 300 feet of these locations for the next 48 hours or until otherwise notified.

DEQ analyzes water samples collected from Saipan's recreational beaches and storm drainages every Tuesday.

Samples collected from the four locations contained excessive concentrations of fecal indicator bacteria (enterococci) that exceeded the CNMI Marine Water Quality Standards.

These bacteria can indicate the presence of human and animal waste in the water. However, studies have shown that

storm water runoff in tropical environments may also contain these bacteria from the natural environment, which may not be directly associated with public health concerns.

DEQ analyzes samples of marine recreational and storm drainage water from 19 locations on the Saipan's Coast. Marine Water Quality Reports are also provided at [www.deq.gov.mp/section.aspx?secID=4](http://www.deq.gov.mp/section.aspx?secID=4). Interested individuals and organizations can also receive email notifications of the weekly marine water quality reports. To do so, send an email to [waterqualityreport@deq.gov.mp](mailto:waterqualityreport@deq.gov.mp). DEQ welcomes all inquiries as to the quality of the beach water. The public is encouraged to contact DEQ at 664-8500 with any questions. **(PR)**

## HSC-25 conducts medical evacuation from Rota to Guam

**ASAN, Guam**—Helicopter Sea Combat Squadron (HSC) 25 assisted in the medical evacuation (MEDEVAC) of an elderly patient from Rota who required immediate medical care last Nov. 26.

Upon request from Coast Guard Sector Guam, a Navy MH-60S Knighthawk helicopter from HSC-25 was launched from Andersen Air Force Base. Navy personnel transported the patient to Guam Memorial Hospital.

The incident was the 17th MEDEVAC executed by HSC-25 personnel this year.

HSC-25 is the only squadron that maintains a 24-hour search and rescue and medical evacuation alert posture, directly supporting the U.S. Coast Guard and Joint Region Marianas.

HSC-25 is also the Navy's only forward-deployed MH-60S expeditionary squadron. As a part of Helicopter Sea Combat Wing Pacific, it provides an armed helicopter capability for U.S. 7th Fleet in support of logistics, search and rescue, and humanitarian assistance missions. **(PR)**

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## Guam commands win Navy community service awards

ASAN, Guam—Navy commands on Guam were recently named winners of the 2013 Navy Community Service Program Campaign Drug Free Flagship and Environmental Stewardship Flagship Awards.

U.S. Naval Hospital Guam was named the large overseas winner for the Campaign Drug Free Flagship Award. Navy Munitions Command, East Asia Division (NMC EAD), Unit Guam was named the small overseas winner for the Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award.

Guam commands volunteer more than 300 man-hours a month to sister schools, sister villages, non-profit organiza-

tions and various community service projects.

"The volunteer efforts by our Sailors demonstrate the Navy's commitment to the people of Guam," said Rear Adm. Tilghman Payne, Commander, Joint Region Marianas. "Working alongside fellow island residents, our Sailors continue to make a meaningful and positive impact to the community in which we live."

The Campaign Drug Free Award recognizes programs that best reach out to teach children about the dangers of drug abuse and promote healthy, drug-free lifestyles.

During the 2012-2013 award period, 176 Naval Hospital Guam staff volunteered 437 off-duty hours to the Campaign Drug Free program. The program hosted various activities including the Wave Red Ribbon Week where volunteers campaigned against abuse of alcohol, tobacco, drugs and violence. Volunteers also set up kiosks in shopping malls, handing out informational material to the public and organized weekly sporting events for troubled youth.

"Our volunteers ... were innovative in continuing their outstanding interaction with the community under the Campaign Drug Free Flagship," said Capt. Jeffery Plummer, Naval Hospital Guam commanding officer. "This program enhanced the quality of life and strengthened relationships with our neighbors on Guam."

The Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award recognizes Navy commands that engage in exemplary voluntary com-

munity service activities that promote good stewardship of environmental resources.

Throughout the award period, Sailors from NMC EAD Unit Guam and Frank Cable partnered with island residents and organizations to tackle a wide range of community service projects that maintained, restored and protected the natural beauty and environmental conditions of Guam.

*Frank Cable* sailors' volunteer work included removing shrubbery from hiking trails, painting schools, cleaning up roadways. NMC EAD Unit Guam Sailors helped paint and clean up Talofofo Elementary School prior to the start of the 2012 school year.

"NMC EAD Unit Guam is honored to have been awarded the 2013 Navy Community

Service Environmental Stewardship Flagship Award," said Cmdr. Bart Hall, NMC EAD Unit Guam commanding officer. "The sailors assigned to NMC EAD Unit Guam take great pride in their efforts and enjoy the partnerships established with the village of Talofofo. We look forward to continuing this bond of friendship."

The Navy annually recognizes shore, sea, and overseas commands for outstanding community service by presenting awards in six categories: USS *Bainbridge* (CGN 25) Award for Overall Excellence; Personal Excellence Partnership Flagship; Health, Safety, and Fitness Flagship; Campaign Drug Free Flagship; Project Good Neighbor Flagship; and Environmental Stewardship Flagship. (PR)



Governor Eloy S. Inos



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### *Håfa adai, Tirow wáámi*

Having faced the challenges and opportunities of the past year, it is time to give thanks for all the blessings we have received. It is also time to reflect on all the good things that have happened in the Commonwealth, and to ask for guidance to face the trials that lay ahead. We pray for the safe return of our troops and the protection of our citizens from forces that wish us harm.

As we come together with friends and family, let us remember to give thanks throughout the year for the good fortunes and freedoms we enjoy. And let us not forget those who are less fortunate here and afar. To all the people of the CNMI and our friends who have made our islands their home, we wish you a very

*Happy Thanksgiving.*

*Thank you, Si Yu'os ma'ase', and Olomwaay reemi.*

ELOY S. INOS

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## Jehovah's Witnesses invite all to attend assembly

A few times each year, Jehovah's Witnesses meet together in large groups. This month in Saipan, the "God's Word Is Beneficial for Teaching!" Circuit Assembly will be held at the Marianas High School Gymnasium in Susupe. People from all over Saipan and Tinian will be joining together for this spiritually encouraging program.

The assembly theme is based on 2 Timothy 3:16 and will emphasize how we can live by Bible standards and how we benefit from the teachings of the bible. The public address on Sunday at 1:50pm will be "Who Is 'Rocking' the Nations, and How?" All are invited to listen to the satisfying answer to that important question. A variety of public speakers from Guam, Tinian, Saipan, and Marshall Islands will deliver the faith-strengthening program. This two-day event will begin Saturday, Nov. 30, 2013 at 9:40am. All people are invited to attend. You won't be charged admission, and no collection will be taken.

In preparation for the assembly, dozens of volunteers will assist in cleaning the MHS gym before the program. At a past gathering of Jehovah's Wit-

nesses held at MHS the principal of the school said, "I was very impressed by your cleaning. So many volunteers came and cleaned the gym. Thank you so much for your hard work." Hoon Ahn, who is responsible for organizing the event, explains why Jehovah's Witnesses volunteer to do this work, "When new ones attend, we want them to have a favorable impression of our meeting place. We show respect for our meeting place by doing what we can to keep it in good condition. We also take it as a privilege to volunteer our time to assist in cleaning, mending, and repairing our place of worship."

Regular meetings for worship are held on Sundays at 9:30am and 1pm at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses in Saipan located at the end of the road next to Bali Fashion on Middle Road. There are also meetings every week in Tinian and Rota. The public is always welcome and no collections are ever taken. There are over 7 million Witnesses in 239 lands. For more information about Jehovah's Witnesses or to download a free assembly program visit [www.jw.org](http://www.jw.org). (PR)



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# Nation

## Former hostages react to Iran's nuclear deal



AP  
In this Nov. 9, 1979, file photo, one of the hostages being held at the U.S. Embassy in Tehran is displayed to the crowd, blindfolded and with his hands bound, outside the embassy.

**McLEAN, Va. (AP)**—To some of the Americans subjected to mock executions and other torment during more than a year as hostages in Iran more than 30 years ago, it seems like a mistake to trust the regime in Tehran to keep its promises in a nuclear deal brokered by the U.S. and other world powers.

The prolonged hostage crisis that began in 1979 gnawed at American emotions and touched off decades of animosity between the U.S. and a nation that had once been an ally. The latest deal has been touted as a trust-building endeavor, though some who en-

dured captivity are skeptical.

"It's kind of like Jimmy Carter all over again," said Clair Cortland Barnes, now retired and living in Leland, N.C., after a career at the CIA and elsewhere. He sees the negotiations now as no more effective than they were for the Carter administration, when he and others languished.

Retired Air Force Col. Thomas E. Schaefer, 83, called the deal "foolishness."

"My personal view is, I never found an Iranian leader I can trust," he said. "I don't think today it's any different from when I was there. None of them, I

think, can be trusted. Why make an agreement with people you can't trust?"

Schaefer was a military attache in Iran who was among those held hostage. He now lives in Scottsdale, Ariz., with his wife of more than 60 years, Anita, who also takes a dim view of the agreement: "We are probably not very Christian-like when it comes to all this," she said.

The weekend agreement be-

tween Iran and six world powers—the U.S., Britain, France, Russia, China and Germany—is to temporarily halt parts of Tehran's disputed nuclear program and allow for more intrusive international monitoring of Iran's facilities. In exchange, Iran gains some modest relief from stiff economic sanctions and a pledge from Obama that no new penalties will be levied during the six months.

## Newtown report renews focus on role of Lanza's mother

**HARTFORD, Conn. (AP)**—As Adam Lanza withdrew from the world into his bedroom, the only person he appeared to be close to was his mother, who cooked his favorite meals, did his laundry daily—and bonded with him over shooting and guns.

Investigators' final report on last year's school massacre in Newtown provided new insights into Nancy Lanza's home life with her troubled adult son and renewed the debate over whether she bears any responsibility for the bloodbath that began with her shooting death.

"I think that we will always be bewildered by someone who did express her concern for her son, why she sought to have him engage with firearms," Gov. Dannel P. Malloy said Tuesday. "Not even those folks who oppose reasonable gun safety legislation would argue that it was a good idea to have someone who was evidencing this kind of disturbance have possession of the kinds of weapons that he had possession of."

Adam Lanza's fascination with violence was apparent to teachers and other acquaintances, investigators said in their report. He collected materials on mass killings and kept a spreadsheet ranking of mass murders.

But his mother wasn't allowed to enter his bedroom, ac-

cording to the report, and it was unclear how much she knew about his obsession.

While the details released Monday led some observers to direct their anger at her, suggesting she was more enabler than victim, others were more sympathetic.

A friend of hers, Marvin LaFontaine, said Tuesday that she did her best raising her son even though he was difficult and resisted help from others or talking about issues such as other children picking on him.

"That really frustrated her," LaFontaine said. "It just wore her down to the bone."

James Alan Fox, a criminologist at Northeastern University in Boston, said Nancy Lanza didn't ignore her son's psychological problems and can't be blamed for his actions.

"She was a victim, not an accessory," he said. "We can easily second-guess parents, and there's a lot there we can question, but the fact of the matter is many people commit horrible crimes despite the best efforts of parents, siblings and others."

Adam Lanza, 20, shot his mother in the head four times Dec. 14, then drove to Sandy Hook Elementary School, where he killed 20 first-graders and six women with a semi-automatic rifle. He committed suicide as police arrived.

### IN HUMBLE GRATITUDE

*We, the wife, children and family of the late*

**†Franz Benjamin Reksid**

wish to extend our deepest and warmest dangkulu na si Yu'us ma'asi' and sincere appreciation to all our relatives and friends, near and far, for the genuine compassion and love you showed us during our time of sorrow.

Your thoughtful prayers, comfort, and unending support and other considerate acts of grace did much to calm the ache in our hearts and may time lessen our pain as memories turn tears to smile.

Your kindness has touched us all and we will forever remember you.

May God bless us all

Un Dangkulu Na Si Yu'us Ma'asi' – Kom Kmal Mesulang – Thank You.

**Peding Sanchez, children, and family**



### ACROSS THE NATION

#### Judge rejects OJ Simpson's bid for new trial

**LAS VEGAS (AP)**—A judge in Las Vegas rejected O.J. Simpson's bid for a new trial on Tuesday, dashing the former football star's bid for freedom based on the claim that his original lawyer botched his armed robbery and kidnapping trial in Las Vegas more than five years ago. "All grounds in the petition lack merit and, consequently, are denied," Clark County District Judge Linda Marie Bell said. Simpson lawyer Patricia Palm said she wanted to speak to Simpson before commenting on the decision. Ozzie Fumo, her co-counsel in the effort, said he expected they would appeal to the Nevada Supreme Court.

#### Family wants US woman detained in Mexico released

**SEATTLE (AP)**—The family of a Washington state woman who leads a vigilante police force in Mexico has enlisted a Seattle human rights group to help push for her release after three months in custody on kidnapping allegations. Nestora Salgado, a U.S. citizen from the Seattle suburb of Renton, was arrested Aug. 21 in the state of Guerrero, south of Mexico City, where she had been leading a vigilante group targeting police corruption and drug cartel violence. Under state law, indigenous communities such as her hometown of Olinala are allowed to form such forces.



# *In Celebration of His New Life*

## †Jose Carlos Pangelinan Tenorio

*Fondly known as "Ping Upe"*

November 4, 1928 – November 21, 2013

*In His New Life, He Now Joins His:*

**Parents:** † Blas Pangelinan and †Guadalupe Pangelinan Tenorio  
**Father/Mother in-law:** † Jesus Diaz and †Maria Sablan Deleon Guerrero  
**Children:** † Dorothy T. Billy, †Dolores C. Tenorio and  
 † Joseph DLG. Tenorio

*His memories will forever live in the hearts of his:*

**Wife:** Amparo Deleon Guerrero Tenorio  
**Children:** **Barbara A. Yamada** (Louisa Y./Wilfredo Garon and Children, Herbert Yamada Jr. and Children, Clarissa Tenorio/Gordon Blailes and Children, Jose Tenorio and Son.)  
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**Eleanor T.** and Juan M. Salas (Nathan Salas/Keisha and Children, John Salas Jr./Jenica and Children, Michelle Salas and Children, Joseph Salas/Melissa Taijeron and Children, Amparo Salas/Patrick Taijeron and Children).

**Jesse DLG./Alana C. Tenorio** (Joshua Tenorio)

*Brothers, Sisters and In-laws:*

Merced T./†Dionicio Torres, †Dolores T. /†Roman Benavente, Cecilia T./†Marcelino Camacho, Pedro P./Sophia P. Tenorio, Susana T./†Jesus Mafnas, Juan P./Rita V. Tenorio, Ramona T./Jesus Attao.

†Jose S./†Concepcion C. Deleon Guerrero, †Joaquin S./Maria C. Deleon Guerrero, †Alberto S. Deleon Guerrero, †Andres S. Deleon Guerrero, †Pedro S./†Dolores A. Deleon Guerrero, †Ana DLG./†Francisco B. Tudela, †Francisco S. Deleon Guerrero, †Soledad DLG./Antonio D. Takai, †Susana DLG./†Pedro Pangelinan, Jesus S./Victoria A Deleon Guerrero, Magdalena DLG./Juan D. Castro.

**Caregiver:** Ruben Gamayo

Rosary is being said nightly at 7:00pm at Mt. Carmel Cathedral. On Friday, November 29, 2013 at 7:30 a.m., our beloved's remains will be escorted from Borja Funeral Home to Mt. Carmel Cathedral for viewing and last respects. Responso and viewing will be from 8:00am – 10:30am.

Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 11:00am followed immediately by Interment at Chalan Kanoa Cemetery.

Your presence, thoughts and prayers are deeply appreciated.

Thank you – Si Yu'us Ma'ase

**Amparo DLG. Tenorio and Family**





## SOLICITATION TO SUBMIT REQUESTS FOR CHARITABLE DONATIONS

Recently a motion was filed to reopen Civil Case No. CV-01-0031, *DOE I, et al., v. THE GAP, INC., et al.*, which was granted and Timothy H. Bellas, has been appointed by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands to distribute certain residual funds which were previously held in trust for a contingent liability that never required payment.

Therefore, a residual amount of money exists which, by the terms of the Settlement Agreement in the above entitled case, is to be donated to charity.

As a result, all non-profit organizations, who qualify for charitable status under Internal Revenue Code Section 501 (c), are asked to submit a request for a donation from this Residual Fund. Preference will be given to organizations whose charitable services are available to all members of the CNMI Community.

At a minimum, requests should state: 1) the amount requested; 2) describe what type of charitable activity the organization is involved in and 3) how any funds which may be donated to the organization would be used. Requests from organizations who are not well known as charitable, should also submit evidence of their 501(c) status.

Please send all donation requests to:

Timothy H. Bellas  
P.O. Box 502845  
Saipan, MP 96950

All requests must be in writing and received no later than December 13, 2013 in order to be considered.

The decision to donate and the amount of such donations are entirely discretionary. This solicitation shall create no rights or obligations in or to any third party. However, a proposed list of donations will be submitted to and is subject to the final approval by the U.S. District Court for the Northern Mariana Islands.

/s/ Timothy H. Bellas

## World

# US bombers cross China's claimed air defense zone

**WASHINGTON (AP)**—Days after China asserted greater military control over a swath of the East China Sea to bolster claims to a cluster of disputed islands, the U.S. defied the move Tuesday as it flew two B-52 bombers through the area.

The U.S. said what it described as a training mission was not flown to respond to China's latest military maneuver, yet the dramatic flights made clear that the U.S. will not recognize the new territorial claims that Beijing laid out over the weekend.

The two unarmed U.S. B-52 bombers took off from their home base in Guam and flew through China's newly designated air defense zone, then returned to base, U.S. officials said. The bombers were in the zone for less than an hour, thundering across the Pacific skies during midday there, the officials said, adding that the aircraft encountered no problems.

While the U.S. insisted the training mission was long-planned, it came just days after China issued a map and a new set of rules governing the zone, which includes a cluster of is-

lands that are controlled by Japan but claimed by Beijing.

U.S. officials would not publicly acknowledge the flights on Tuesday, but State Department spokeswoman Jen Psaki said China's move appeared to be an attempt to change the status quo in the East China Sea.

"This will raise regional tensions and increase the risk of miscalculation, confrontation and accidents," she told reporters.

China said Saturday that all aircraft entering the new air defense zone must notify Chinese authorities and are subject to emergency military mea-

sures if they do not identify themselves or obey Beijing's orders. U.S. officials, however, said they have received no reaction to the bomber flights from the Chinese.

The bomber mission underscores Washington's immediate rejection of China's new rules. The U.S., which has hundreds of military aircraft based in the region, has said it has zero intention of complying. Japan likewise has called the zone invalid, unenforceable and dangerous, while Taiwan and South Korea, both close to the U.S., also rejected it.

### WORLD BRIEFS

#### Talks on global free-trade deal collapse in Geneva

**GENEVA (AP)**—Negotiators came close but failed Tuesday to clinch a free-trade deal that could have helped boost the world economy by \$1 trillion a year and cleared the way for a broader global agreement. Diplomats from the World Trade Organization's 159 members had been trying to forge an agreement before a trade ministers' meeting next week in Bali, Indonesia. Achieving a deal in Bali is seen as a final effort to revive a broader 12-year effort to ease global trade rules. The mini-deal discussed in Geneva had been intended, in part, to reduce delays and inefficiencies at national borders. Making it easier to move goods across borders could boost the global economy by nearly \$1 trillion a

year and support 21 million jobs, according to a report co-written by Jeffrey Schott, a senior fellow in international trade at the Peterson Institute for International Economics.

#### 7 die in political violence as Bangladesh vote set

**DHAKA, Bangladesh (AP)**—Bangladesh's opposition blocked roads, railways and waterways on Tuesday to protest government plans to hold a general election on Jan. 5, the latest turn in a violent political crisis that has paralyzed the country. The opposition is demanding that the government led by Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resign so a neutral caretaker administration can oversee the polls. Hasina denies its claim that she might rig the elections if she stays in office. The dispute is part of an escalating crisis in Bangladesh, a country of 160 million people where the state is seen as all-powerful. Analysts fear the chaos could exacerbate the impoverished country's economic woes and lead to radicalization in a strategic pocket of South Asia.

#### Researchers say they found oldest Buddhist shrine

**KATMANDU, Nepal (AP)**—Archaeologists in Nepal say they have discovered traces of a wooden structure dating from the sixth century B.C. that they believe is the world's oldest Buddhist shrine. Kosh Prasad Acharya, who teamed with archaeologists from Britain's Durham University, said Tuesday that the structure was unearthed inside the sacred Mayadevi Temple in Lumbini. Buddha, also known as Siddhartha Gautama, is generally thought to have been born in about the sixth century B.C. at the temple site. The findings were published in the December issue of the journal *Antiquity*.

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*Happy Thanksgiving!*



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# Life & Style

## Hewitt welcomes baby girl after quiet wedding



AP

In this July 13, 2013 photo, actress Jennifer Love Hewitt attends Old Navy & Disney's "Mickey Through The Decades" Collection Celebration at Walt Disney Studios, in Burbank, Calif.

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Actress Jennifer Love Hewitt and her "The Client List" co-star Brian Hallisay are the proud parents of a baby girl. Hewitt's publicist Sarah Full-

er said in an email statement the couple is "thrilled" over Tuesday's birth of Autumn James Hallisay.

The couple is also celebrating being newlyweds. Fuller says they were recently married but

did not provide further details.

"The Client List" was recently canceled by Lifetime after its second season. Hewitt and Hallisay played husband and wife.

Us Weekly first reported the news.

## Alec Baldwin's show ending on MSNBC

**NEW YORK (AP)**—Alec Baldwin has his Friday nights back. He and MSNBC said Tuesday they were ending his weekly talk show after the actor had been suspended for two weeks for using an anti-gay slur in a New York City street encounter.

MSNBC said it was a "mutual parting and we wish Alec all the best."

"Up Late with Alec Baldwin" had aired only five episodes. The first three attracted a little more than a half million viewers, but the last two dipped under 400,000 viewers.

The Emmy-winning former star of "30 Rock" had lost his cool in the New York City street encounter. He later tweeted that he did not realize the profane phrase he used was offensive to gays, but then apologized.

He later said that the incident took place as he tried to protect his family.

MSNBC suspended Baldwin for two weeks, a punishment that was due to end this Friday.

The encounter came dur-



AP

In this Tuesday, Nov. 12, 2013 file photo, actor Alec Baldwin leaves criminal court in New York.

ing the same week a Canadian actress was convicted in New York of stalking Baldwin with calls, emails and visits over a two-year period. Genevieve Sabourin was sentenced to six months in jail in addition to a month she's already serving for her courtroom outbursts.

On the same day Baldwin was suspended, another MSNBC personality, Martin Bashir, made a graphic suggestion for how Sarah Palin should be pun-

ished for comments on slavery. Bashir apologized and MSNBC said it is handling the problems internally.

The end of Baldwin's show came on the same day CBS ordered "60 Minutes" correspondent Lara Logan and her producer to take a leave of absence following a critical internal review of their handling of a report about the fatal attack on the U.S. diplomatic mission in Benghazi, Libya.

## Toy company sues Beastie Boys over 'Girls' song

**SAN FRANCISCO (AP)**—A Northern California toy company is fighting for its right to parody a popular Beastie Boys song.

Oakland-based GoldieBlox filed a lawsuit in federal court seeking permission to continue using a spoof of the rap song "Girls."

The song was on the trio's first album, "Licensed to Ill," released in 1986. It sings of the desire for girls to "do the dishes ... to do the laundry ... to clean up my room."

The company's marketing video spoofing the song depicts young girls singing about

building spaceships and coding software. The video has gone viral in recent weeks, and some 8 million people have viewed it on YouTube. The spoof is attempting to sell the company's GoldieBlox engineering toys aimed at girls.

The company said it filed the lawsuit last week after the Beastie Boys threatened their own legal action for copyright infringement.

"GoldieBlox created its parody video specifically to comment on the Beastie Boys song, and to further the company's goal to break down gender

stereotypes and to encourage young girls to engage in activities that challenge their intellect, particularly in the fields of science, technology, engineering and math," the company's lawsuit stated.

On Monday, the two surviving band members—Adam Horovitz and Michael Diamond—said in an open letter posted on their publicist's website that they support the toy company's message of empowering girls. But they have a blanket ban on using their songs in advertisements.

"As creative as it is, make no mistake, your video is an advertisement that is designed to sell a product, and long ago, we made a conscious decision not to permit our music and/or name to be used in product ads," the band members said through their publicist. "When we tried to simply ask how and why our song 'Girls' had been used in your ad without our permission, YOU sued US."

GoldieBlox is one of four companies named as finalists in a competition held by software maker Intuit to pay millions for a Super Bowl advertisement for the winner. The company's "Girls" video is not part of the competition.



AP

This August 2012 file photo released by GoldieBlox, Inc., shows the toy items from "GoldieBlox and the Spinning Machine," photographed in San Francisco.

## Fake pregnancy lures man into a live-in relationship

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN  
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



**DEAR ABBY:** A friend of mine faked a pregnancy to get a man to stay with her. Once he moved in, she told him she'd had a miscarriage. She even went so far as to name this so-called baby.

He now has the baby's name tattooed on his arm! She goes on Facebook and talks about how she misses her "little baby boy," and counts every month as though it is his birthday. Every time I read it I get a sick feeling.

I want to tell this man the truth. I know for a FACT she was not pregnant. I'm not sure how to go about this. If I say something, I know I will end up the bad guy. Should I mind my own business or let this man know he's living with a maniac?

WANTS TO TELL THE TRUTH

**DEAR WANTS:** Your friend may have told this lie so often that she has come to believe it herself. Or, she may be acting this out in order to hang onto the man. While I don't think she is a maniac, I do think she may be unbalanced.

I agree the man has a right to know. Wouldn't you want to be told if you were him? The way to do it is face-to-face. And be prepared for the friendship to end afterward. Frankly, that may be for the best because the woman has more problems than you can cope with.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My husband and I have recently moved and are now being bombarded with demands to see our home. I was brought up to believe that inviting yourself to anything, especially the privacy of someone's home, is extremely rude.

I understand our family is excited for us, and it is nice to be loved—but our home isn't ready to be shown, and people won't give up! Telling them about the remodeling mess and that we plan to have a housewarming party in the future when everyone can see our place has been ineffective.

The times I have been unable to avoid people who insisted on coming over, they were rude and judgmental about the moving mess. Please advise me how to say "no" without offending those who are offending me.

ETIQUETTE-BOUND HOMEOWNER IN KANSAS

**DEAR HOMEOWNER:** I'll offer a tip. It is amazing what a person can get away with saying if it is done with a smile. All you have to do is smile and say, "Nope. NO ONE can see it until the unveiling." And remember, it isn't rude to stand your ground when someone is trying to encroach upon it. Even family members.

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**DEAR ABBY:** My problem is my mother. My entire life (I am 50) she has made me choose between her and Dad for the holidays. They have been divorced for 30 years, and she still speaks ill of him. She has made every wedding or family event unbearable. It has reached the point that I feel guilty if I want to go and see him.

She is now doing the same thing with my boyfriend of four years. A lot has transpired between us, but we are on a good path and are very much involved in each other's lives. She refused to spend this past Easter with us, including my children, if he was around. I told her that it was her choice and she is always welcome to attend.

With Christmas fast approaching, I don't want all the drama and blackmail to continue. Help!

WEARY IN WISCONSIN

**DEAR WEARY:** You handled Easter appropriately and you should do the same with Christmas. If your mother chooses not to attend, the choice is hers. Consider asking your father to join you if she won't be there.

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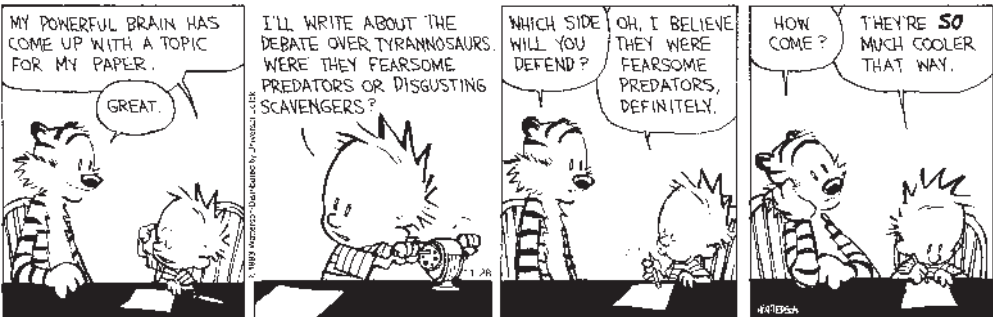
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By Bill Waterson



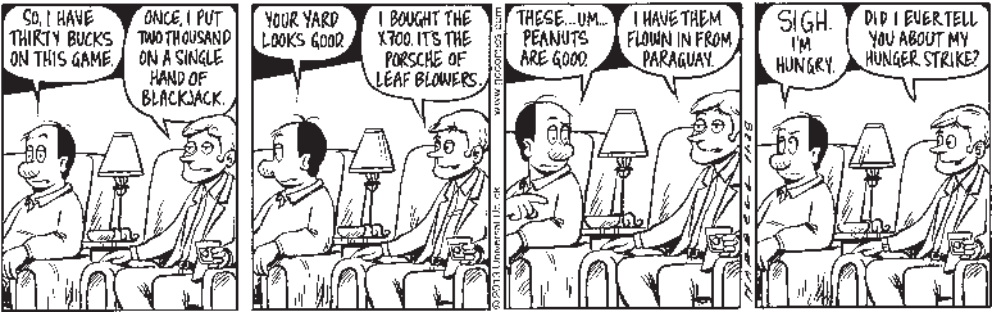
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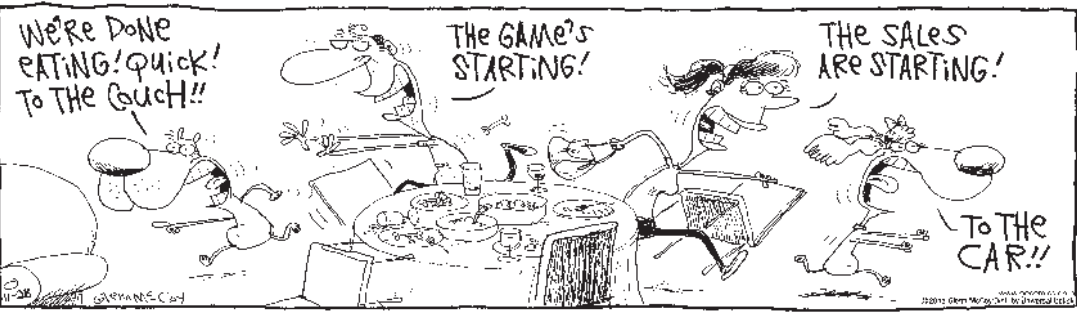
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By Glenn McCoy



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12 Takeout request  
13 Carnival  
14 Not pizzicato  
15 Send forth  
16 Shade tree  
17 Peruse  
18 Virgil's birthplace  
20 Non-believers  
22 Make up your mind  
23 Albanian money  
24 Cold War weapon (Abbr.)  
27 Homes  
32 Scratch  
33 Blunder  
34 Eviscerate  
35 Form a bias  
38 Say it isn't so

**DOWN**

1 Goblet feature  
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5 Inhaled  
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7 Cavort  
8 Clay pigeon, e.g.  
9 Damage in transit, maybe  
10 Read bar codes  
11 Space-craft  
19 Batting  
21 "The Greatest"  
24 Mischievous tyke  
25 Auto-mobile  
26 Violated  
28 S.A. nation  
29 Wide ranges  
30 Wine cask  
31 Pigpen  
36 They're often 12 in a box  
37 Guitar's cousin  
38 Wet thoroughly  
41 "Life of —"  
42 — good example  
43 Alkali neutralizer  
44 Sketch  
46 Ripped  
47 Duel tool  
48 Rod attachment  
51 Cable network

**Solution time: 25 mins.**

**Yesterday's answer 11-28**

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**Happy Birthday:** Altering the way you live or what you do for a living will bring you closer to your life goal. Don't procrastinate when action is required. It's up to you to make things happen. Don't look back when it's what's ahead that counts. You cannot change what's happened, but you can make a difference to what lies ahead. Your numbers are 4, 16, 20, 28, 32, 35, 46.

**ARIES (March 21-April 19):** Don't overdo it. Take baby steps and ease into whatever you want to pursue. Count your pennies and make sure you don't go over budget. Emotions will be erratic and restlessness will be your enemy. Proceed with caution. ★★★

**TAURUS (April 20-May 20):** Opportunities will arise, leading to new positions and possibilities. There is money to be made and partnerships to develop. Don't let flattery and compliments cost you. Recognize what you are worth and don't feel guilty taking what you deserve. ★★★

**GEMINI (May 21-June 20):** Pamper yourself. Buying something that will improve your looks or help you advance will do the trick. A change will help you see a personal situation you face with clarity and will help encourage you to make a move. ★★★★★

**CANCER (June 21-July 22):** Handle personal issues with finesse. What you know and the way you feel will contribute to a triumph in a debate or conflict with

someone regarding an emotional matter. Ride out the storm and stand your ground. Believe in yourself. ★★

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Conceptis Sudoku By Dave Green

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WONDERWORD

By DAVID OUELLET

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# Wizards snap Lakers' 3-game winning streak



**WASHINGTON** (AP)—John Wall stayed hot with 31 points and nine assists and Nene had a career high 30 to carry the Washington Wizards to a 116-111 victory over Los Angeles on Tuesday night that broke the Lakers' three-game winning streak.

Wall has scored more than 30 points for the third straight game for the first time in his career, with his 13 fourth-quarter points coming in the final 4:40 to help Washington hold off Los Angeles. Wall took 10 for 18 from the field and made 11 of 12 free throws.

Nene surpassed his previous career best by two points on 13-for-22 shooting from the field. Martell Webster added 20 points with four 3-pointers.

Jordan Farmar led the Lakers with 22 and Pau Gasol had 17.

The Wizards took a 75-73 lead on Nene's three-point play with 2:37 left in the third quarter and led 82-77 after three.

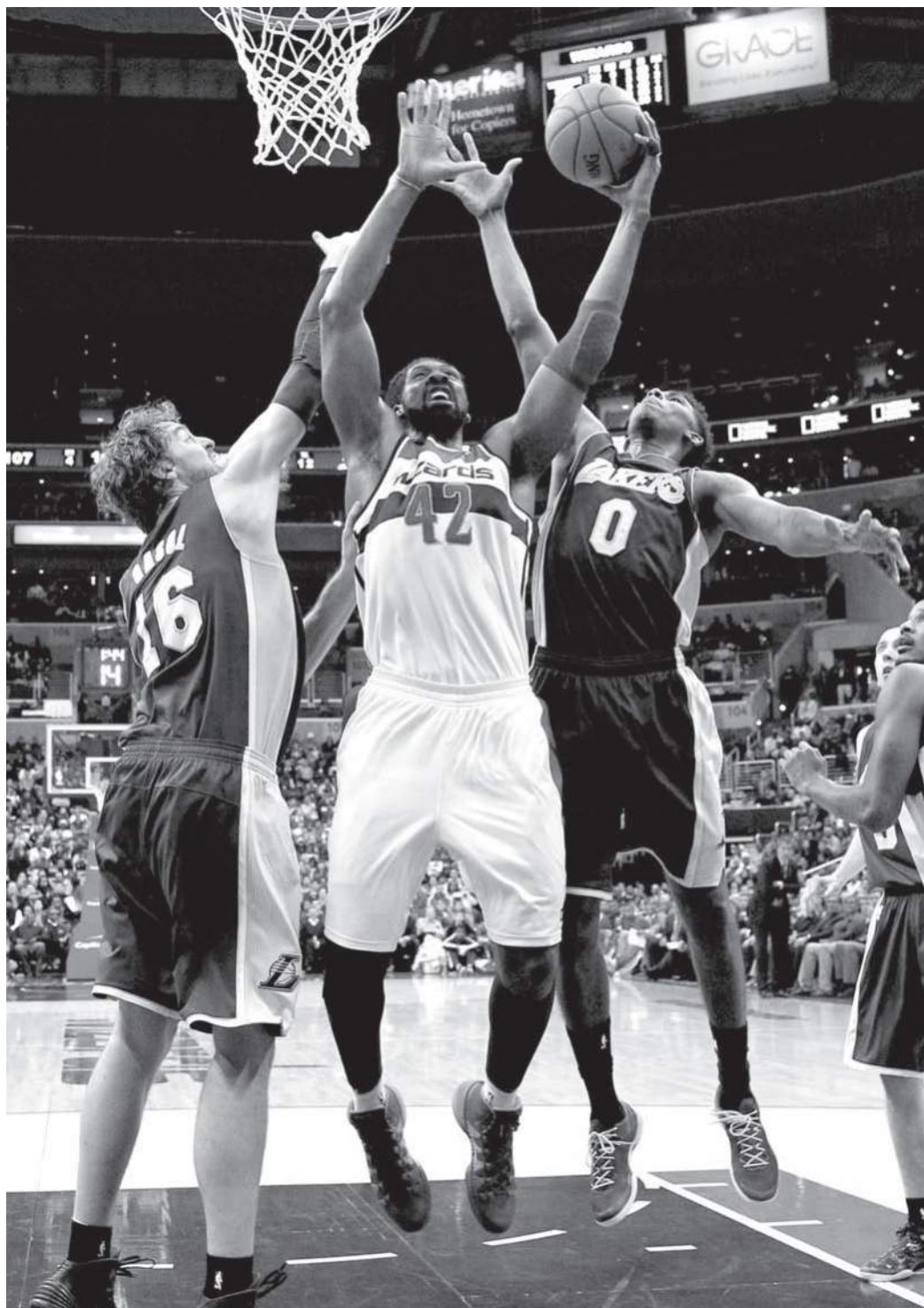
Webster's consecutive 3-pointers in the fourth quarter gave Washington an 88-80 lead with 10:22 to play. Webster added another 3-pointer to give the Wizards their largest lead - 96-87 with 7:38 to play.

Los Angeles came back and took a 108-107 lead on Gasol's layup with 1:54 to play. Wall's jumper with 20 seconds later put Washington in front 109-108. After Nene's layup and two free throws by Wall, Gasol converted a three-point play to cut Washington's lead to 113-111 with 24.5 seconds to play.

Wall, who was named the Eastern Conference's Player of the Week on Monday, hit three free throws to seal the win.

Los Angeles continues to be without Kobe Bryant, who discussed his two-year contract extension publicly for the first time before the game. Bryant, still recovering from April surgery on his ruptured Achilles tendon, could be back as soon as next week.

Bryant pledged his fealty to the Lakers, saying he would "run through a wall" for the team after it extended him for two more years at a reported



Washington Wizards forward Nene (42), from Brazil, shoots between Los Angeles Lakers center Pau Gasol (16), from Spain, and forward Nick Young (0) in the second half of an NBA basketball game Tuesday, Nov. 26, 2013, in Washington.

\$48.5 million.

Washington was without guard Bradley Beal, who will be out for at least two weeks with a stress injury to his right foot. Beal was replaced in the starting lineup by Trevor Ariza, who missed the last five games with a strained right hamstring.

The Wizards shot 72.2 percent in the first quarter and led 31-29. Nene was 6 for 8.

Washington led 59-56 at the half with both teams shooting nearly 60 percent.

## Magic 109, Hawks 92

In Atlanta, Arron Afflalo scored 26 points, Victor Oladipo and Andrew Nicholson added 18 apiece and the Orlando Magic snapped a 17-game road losing streak with a 109-92 victory over the Atlanta Hawks on Tuesday night.

Al Horford and Jeff Teague each finished with 15 points for the Hawks, who lost consecutive games for the first time this season.

The Magic began the night

having lost four straight overall and five in a row on the road. They won away from Orlando for the first time since last March 4 at New Orleans.

Magic coach Jacques Vaughn had planned to start Tobias Harris for the first time this season, but the third-year forward was unable to dress because of recurring issues with his left ankle.

Instead, Vaughn went with the lineup of Afflalo, Oladipo, Glen Davis, Nikola Vucevic and

Jameer Nelson.

Vucevic grabbed 15 rebounds, Nelson added 10 assists, and the Magic got a combined 30 points from Nicholson and E'Twaun Moore off the bench.

The Hawks never led after Afflalo's 3-pointer put the Magic ahead 67-65 with 5:09 left in the third.

From there, Orlando went on a 29-9 run. Afflalo's 3 started the rally and Oladipo's straight-away 3 ended it with 7:12 left in the game.

Orlando snapped a seven-game skid at Philips Arena, winning in Atlanta for the first time since Nov. 26, 2009. The Magic had lost 11 straight in the regular season to their Southeast Divisional rivals.

Hawks guard Kyle Korver hit a 3 in his 88th straight game and needs one to tie Dana Barros for the NBA's career longest streak. Barros set the mark from Dec. 23, 1994-Jan. 10, 1996, with Philadelphia and Boston.

Korver missed his first two 3-point attempts before giving the Hawks a 43-39 lead with 4:06 left in the second.

## Nets 102, Raptors 100

In Toronto, Andray Blatche scored 24 points, Joe Johnson had 21 as Brooklyn snapped a five-game losing streak by beating Toronto.

Paul Pierce scored 16 points and Kevin Garnett had 12 as the Nets won for the first time since beating Phoenix on Nov. 15.

Brooklyn won for just the third time in its past nine games in Canada, getting the victory despite playing without guard Deron Williams and center Brook Lopez, both of whom are sidelined with left ankle injuries.

DeMar DeRozan scored 27 points and Kyle Lowry had 21 for the Raptors, who lost a two-game winning streak.

The Nets were up 101-86 with 5:22 left but nearly coughed up the lead. Rudy Gay's 3-pointer with 23 seconds left cut it to 101-100 before Shaun Livingston made 1 of 2 from the line with 11 seconds remaining, missing his second attempt.

After a Raptors timeout, Toronto's Amir Johnson missed

a potential go-ahead 3-pointer from the corner with one second left, and Steve Novak was unable to tip in Johnson's rebound as the Nets held on.

The Nets were also without two top reserves, guard Jason Terry (left knee) and forward Andrei Kirilenko (back).

Livingston was cleared to play despite being elbowed in the head during Sunday's loss to Detroit.

Brooklyn was ahead 16-6 midway through the first but Toronto shot five for six from 3-point range to lead 28-26 after one. DeRozan, who made three 3-pointers, scored 13 points in the first.

Joe Johnson scored seven points in the second, while Garnett and Pierce each had five, as the Nets took a 55-51 lead at halftime.

Brooklyn opened the second half with a 10-4 run, taking a 65-55 lead, but DeRozan scored 11 in the third to keep Toronto close. Johnson had nine points for the Nets, who held an 81-76 lead heading into the fourth.

## Warriors 102, Pelicans 101

In New Orleans, Klay Thompson scored 22 points and tied a career high with eight assists as Golden State snapped a three-game skid by defeating New Orleans.

Eric Gordon had a chance to win it for New Orleans with an open 3-pointer from the left corner in the final seconds, but the shot rimmed out and Anthony Davis couldn't quite reach the rebound.

Jermaine O'Neal returned from right knee and groin injuries that had sidelined him for four games and did not look at all rusty, sinking his first seven shots en route to 18 points — including a clutch baseline hook with 2:06 left. David Lee added 19 points.

Ryan Anderson had 21 points and 12 rebounds for New Orleans. Davis finished with 14 points and 11 rebounds.

The Warriors' Stephen Curry struggled to find his usual accuracy, missing 13 of 20 shots, but scored seven of his 16 points in a tight fourth quarter. Harrison Barnes added 14 points.

**WASHINGTON** (AP)—Wearing his practice shorts and a sweatshirt, Kobe Bryant looked as if he was ready to return action.

After the Los Angeles Lakers signed the fourth-leading scoring in NBA history to a two-year contract extension, Bryant said he can't wait to play.

"The Lakers came up with the structure - a system and a plan they thought was a win-win for everybody involved. From my perspective, it was very easy to accept it," Bryant said.

In what he says will probably be his final contract, Bryant says there was no negotiation.

Bryant's new deal is reportedly worth \$48.5 million, and it takes him

## Bryant happy with extension, nears return

into his 20th season with the Lakers.

He hasn't played this season while recovering from surgery in April on a torn Achilles tendon. He won't play on this three-game road trip, but he's looking forward to three practices in the four days off that precede Los Angeles' game in Sacramento on Dec. 6 as a possible return.

"Those three days when we get back are going to be huge," Bryant said. "I need some more practices to measure it and test it."

Rejecting criticism from those who said that Bryant's contract will hamper

the Lakers from adding another star, he said his understanding was the team could keep Pau Gasol, him and still pursue someone else.

"From what I saw - absolutely," Bryant said. "I think we'll be all right."

Bryant declined to specify another star player he'd like to team with.

"We have the ability to do something special. The Lakers are a stand-up organization, and they stepped up to the plate."

View gallery."

Bryant happy with extension, nears return

Los Angeles Lakers guard Kobe Bryant speaks during a media availability before an NBA basketball game ...

Bryant thanked Los Angeles for sticking with him through the long recovery from surgery. He said he never contemplated ending his storied playing career.

"It makes me want to run through a wall for them," Bryant said. "It kind of adds more fuel to the fire to be able to prove to everybody that they've got it right - and everybody else is wrong."

Entering Tuesday's game against

the Wizards, the Lakers are just 7-7. Bryant is hoping he has his old explosiveness, but admits he may need to make some adjustments.

"If it's not there, I'm ready to adapt. I'm ready to change that, slow the tempo down, change up the rhythm a little bit," Bryant said. "I'm willing and ready to adapt to whatever my body is telling me."

As he nears the end of his career, Bryant looked back on his rookie year in 1996 when he was an 18-year-old high schooler training in Hawaii with the Lakers.

"That's a long time to be doing anything," Bryant said. "It went by so fast."



# In revised suit, A-Rod accuses Selig of cowardice

**NEW YORK (AP)** -- Alex Rodriguez's lawyers updated his lawsuit against Major League Baseball and Bud Selig, adding new criticism of the commissioner for not testifying in the union's grievance to overturn the 211-game suspension given to the New York Yankees star last summer.

The lawyers filed a 33-page amended complaint Tuesday in federal court in Manhattan, expanding on the suit originally filed Oct. 3 in New York Supreme Court.

Arbitrator Fredric Horowitz last week refused to compel Selig to testify in the grievance, and Rodriguez then walked out of the hearing without testifying. The sides rested last Thursday after 12 days of sessions, and a decision on whether to uphold or alter the discipline is expected in January.

"Mr. Selig chose to hide in his office in Milwaukee rather than come testify at the grievance hearing in New York. In Mr. Selig's world, apparently the 'buck' does not stop with Bud," the new complaint said. "Mr. Selig lacked the courage of his convictions to explain under oath the reasons for the suspension and the conduct of his investigators. His silence on these issues speaks volumes and leads to only one logical conclusion - his actions, and those of the MLB personnel he controls,



Alex Rodriguez signs autographs as he arrives at Major League Baseball headquarters in New York, Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013. Rodriguez's grievance hearing to overturn his 211-game suspension resumed Monday with the first of what could be 10 straight days of sessions.

were aimed at destroying the reputation, career and business prospects of Alex Rodriguez."

Rodriguez was suspended Aug. 5 for alleged violations of the sport's drug agreement and labor contract, and he played pending a determination of the grievance.

As he did in the original complaint, Rodriguez accused Selig of conducting a "witch hunt" against him. The three-time AL MVP criticized the methods MLB employed in its investiga-

tion of the Biogenesis of America anti-aging clinic, accused of distributing banned performance-enhancing drugs.

A-Rod's lawyers included a photograph of Selig posing with a fan wearing a red shirt that had "A-ROID" written across the front. While the lawsuit attributes the photo to NESN.com, the NESN's website says the photo was from the 2009 All-Star Fan-Fest and was taken from NBCSportsRadio's Twitter feed.

"Sadly, this cowardly stance

by Mr. Selig is consistent with his past and highly inappropriate conduct in posing, smilingly, with a young fan wearing a T-shirt with a derogatory message directed at Mr. Rodriguez," the amended lawsuit said. "One cannot imagine the Commissioner of any other professional sport - or indeed the CEO of any business - doing something similar with respect to one of his or her players or employees."

MLB had the suit removed to federal court, and Rodriguez's lawyers are trying to persuade

U.S. District Judge Lorna G. Schofield to remand the case back to New York state court. A hearing is scheduled for Jan. 23.

Rodriguez claimed Selig interfered with his existing contracts and prospective business

relationships. MLB says the case should be heard in federal court because of provisions of the Labor Management Relations Act, known as Taft-Hartley, and intends to ask for the suit to be dismissed.

## Maddux, Glavine, Thomas on Hall of Fame ballot

**NEW YORK (AP)**— Four-time Cy Young Award winner Greg Maddux, two-time winner Tom Glavine and two-time AL MVP Frank Thomas are among 19 newcomers on this year's Hall of Fame ballot, joining steroid-tainted holdovers Barry Bonds, Roger Clemens, Mark McGwire and Sammy Sosa.

Mike Mussina, Hideo Nomo, Kenny Rogers, Jeff Kent, Moises Alou and Luis Gonzalez also are among the players eligible to be voted on for the first time by the Baseball Writers' Association of America.

The 36-player ballot will include Armando Benitez, Sean Casey, Ray Durham, Eric Gagne, Jacque Jones, Todd Jones, Paul Lo Duca, Richie Sexson, J.T. Snow and Mike Timlin, the Hall said Tuesday.

Voters are the approximately 600 writers who have been members of the BBWAA for 10 consecutive years at any point. Ballots are due by Dec. 31, and results will be announced Jan. 8.

Players elected along with choices announced Dec. 9 by

the expansion era committee (1973 and later) will be inducted July 27 at Cooperstown. Among those on the committee ballot are retired managers Bobby Cox, Tony La Russa and Joe Torre; late Yankees owner George Steinbrenner; and late players' union head Marvin Miller.

Last year, the BBWAA failed for the first time since 1996 to produce any inductees. Craig Biggio came closest to receiving the necessary 75 percent, falling 39 shy with 388 (68.2 percent).

Jack Morris, who will be on the ballot for the final time this year, was second with 67.7 percent, followed by Jeff Bagwell (59.6), Mike Piazza (57.8), Tim Lincecum (52.2), Lee Smith (47.8) and Curt Schilling (38.8).

Making their first appearances on the ballot, Clemens was at 37.6 percent, Bonds at 36.2 and Sosa at 12.5. McGwire received 16.9 percent on his seventh try.

Players remain on the ballot if they receive at least 5 percent support and can stay in the voting for up to 15 years.

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# Saipan Ice outlasts Chinatown for third win

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REPORTER

Saipan Ice & Water thwarted Chinatown Saints, 66-60, in a make-up game in the 2nd DL Corp. Invitational Basketball League last Saturday night at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Ray Saralu hit two clutch baskets, while Derrick Rangamar converted a pair of free throws to help Saipan Ice slip past Chinatown at the resumption of their rained-out match. Saipan Ice now has a 3-2 record in Pool A, moving up from fourth to second place in the team standings behind Docomo Pacific (4-1). Chinatown finished the regular season with a 3-4 record and must wait for the remaining games in its group to determine its playoff chances. The Top 2 teams in Pool A will gain outright quarterfinals berth, while the next four will fight for the remaining two spots, and the last two will be booted out of the tournament. Pending results of last night's games, teams in Pool A are in a tight race with NMI Contrac-

tor having a 3-4 card, Fong's Bakery holding a 2-2 slate, and Adobo, Fliptop, and Kixx Engine Oil sporting similar 2-3 records.

The Saipan Ice-Saints tiff, which was first played last Oct. 5, resumed at the 3:26 mark of the fourth quarter with the former in possession and the game tied at 56-all after the latter launched a short 6-0 run. However, Chinatown was off and without some of its key players at the resumption of the game, leaving Shane Deleon Guerrier as the

only scorer for the Saints. He made two quick two field goals for Chinatown, but Rangamar countered with a field goal and two important charities to force a standoff. Then Saralu stepped up next with a pair of baskets, while Rangamar went on to seal the win with his two charities.

The 6-point win saved Saipan Ice from a big meltdown, as it wasted a 15-point halftime lead, 39-24, after going scoreless in the first five minutes of the third period. Chinatown, on the other hand, drilled 14 straight points to



Saipan Ice's Justin Cayading escapes past the defense of two Chinatown players during the third quarter of their rained-out match in the DL Corp. caging last month at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

mount a comeback and even took the lead early in the fourth, 50-47, before collapsing in overtime.

Meanwhile, Saipan Ice played against Adobo in another make-up game last Saturday, but the match was rained-out early in the first quarter.

Pacquiao says he is borrowing to give typhoon aid

**MANILA, Philippines (AP)**—Despite returning like a hero from beating Brandon Rios over the weekend, Manny Pacquiao said Tuesday he has no money to keep his promise to help typhoon victims because Philippine revenue authorities have frozen his bank accounts.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue says Pacquiao hasn't proved he paid taxes in 2008-2009. It has assessed that Pacquiao, once one of the world's highest paid athletes, owed 2.2 billion pesos (\$50 million) in back taxes as of July.

Pacquiao, the wealthiest member of the Philippine Congress, said Tuesday he borrowed over 1 million pesos (\$22,700) to purchase relief supplies before his fight Sunday with Rios in Macau and will borrow more to keep his

**Saipan Ice 66** – Rangamar 20, Camacho 13, Kaipat 8, Saralu 8, Rivera 4, Cayading 4, Villanueva 2.

**Chinatown 60** – Sacramento 22, Lizama 7, Zapanta 6, Guerrero 4, Iglecias 3, Quizon 2, Fleming 2.

**Scoring by quarters:** 20-11, 39-24, 47-47, 60-60, 66-60.

word to typhoon victims. Pacquiao said he plans to provide aid to more than 10,000 families.

Fierce winds and tsunami-like storm surges from Typhoon Haiyan, one of the strongest typhoons on record, demolished entire communities and killed over 5,200 people when it ploughed through the central Philippines. More than 1,600 are missing.

Pacquiao said he paid taxes in the United States following his victories against Ricky Hatton and Oscar de la Hoya and that a treaty prevents double taxation. A criminal case was dropped by prosecutors for alleged unpaid taxes in 2010, but the revenue authorities' tax claims for the 2008-2009 are still pending.

"I appeal to them to remove the garnishment so that I can move and pay for my staff's salaries," Pacquiao told reporters in his southern hometown of General Santos city. "I am not a criminal or a thief."

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bagged a 21-14 victory in the opening game and won the second in similar scores.

Ta played her second mixed doubles match and this time partnered with Jerry Hibi in outclassing Gigi Zapanta and Che. Hibi and Ta notched a 21-12 win in the first game and completed the sweep with a 21-7 triumph in the second game of their mixed doubles

AB tiff.

In the women's doubles A, Lani Bartolome joined forces with Toshiko Obata in making short work of Loyda Ito and Shirley Kim. Bartolome and Obata coasted to a 21-15 win in the opening game before eking out a 21-18 in the second.

Bartolome contributed one more win to Shirley's when she worked with Fernandez in beating Ito and Elna Curate in the women's doubles AB. Bartolome and Fernandez pulled off

a 21-19 victory in the first game and had another tough win in the second, 21-20.

Obata also gave Shirley's two victories last weekend, but the second win was not easy as she and Vilma needed three games to thwart Curate and Lani Santos in the women's BC. The Shirley's duo dropped the closely fought first game, 20-21, but won the last two, 21-19, 21-18, to foil Taga's bid for win No. 1.

The elusive first victory finally came for Taga when San-

tos and Roxe Lazaro dominated Shirley's newcomers Wilma and Joanne Jewel in the women's doubles C, 21-11, 21-8.

Meanwhile, Shirley's will be paired against the tough Community Badminton Club this weekend, while Taga is scheduled to resume its game against Golden Racquets after playing the first five matches of their duel last Sunday. Saipan Badminton Club also played the first half of its matches against CBC last weekend and results

of these games will be reported in *Saipan Tribune's* Friday edition.

The five participating teams will play in a round-robin format in the preliminary with the Top 2 teams in the standings advancing to the finals and the next four battling for third place. Each team gets 3 points for every victory via sweep and 2 for a three-game win and the standings will be based on points gathered by each squad after playing 40 matches.

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and advisor/doctor Yi Jong Seok.

The Japanese and Korean pros and Horton will be racing against two-time men's champion Jack Anderson of Australia, Hell returnees Konstantin Fast and Aleksandr Dorovskikh of Russia, Japan's Kazuhiro Yamamoto, and Guam's Peter Lombard and Jonathan Martin. In the women's pro field, the list is headed by defending champi-

on and Australia's Jodie Willet, who will be up against Guam's Rose Munoz and Mieko Carey, and seven-time XTERRA Saipan champion Renata Bucher.

The pro roster could still grow, as according to Quinn bikers from Taiwan and China are also joining next month's race for the first time.

Bikers have until this Saturday to register and avail of the discounted entry fees of \$60 or \$50 (for pre-HOM racers). After Nov. 30, each biker must pay the

\$85 entry fee. Entry forms and payments can be made at Gold's Gym Saipan, while registration is available online at <http://http://www.activeglobal.com/gl/road-cycling/saipan-northern-mariana-islands/hell-of-the-marianas-century-cycle-2013>.

Meanwhile, in a press statement, the organizing Northern Mariana Islands Cycling Federation calls on all motorists to take extra caution on Dec. 7 from 6:30am to 9:30am on the northbound lane of Isa Drive near San Vicente, Papago,

Kagman and Capitol Hill, as cyclists are expected to pass these areas in packs.

"There will be cones to indicate the bike lane as well as DPS officers and official media vehicles. If motorists can circumvent these portions of Isa Drive during the above times, it will prevent heavy traffic congestion and enhance safety for all," NMICF said in the statement.

The race will begin at 6:15am at the Mariana Resort & Spa and for additional safe-

ty measures, NMICF is asking the public to restrain their dogs in the morning along the route. Bikers will be heading Pacific Islands Club via Beach Road, passing through Kolberville to the Airport Road, San Vicente, Papago, Laolao Bay Golf Resort' entrance and back, Kingfisher Golf Links and back, Capitol Hill, top of San Roque's Radar Station, Suicide Cliff, Bird Island Lookout, and Banzai Cliff before heading back to Mariana Resort.

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first and second half.

Heng Guo Piao also made it to the board in the first half to tie the match, while Alan Chan gave Sun Palace a 2-1 lead early in the second frame before Gramlich got his second goal and evened up the match anew.

## Inter Godfather's 4, KFAS 2

In Division 1's fourth and final game last Sunday, Inter Godfa-

ther's prevailed against Korean Football Association on Saipan.

Inter Godfather's was on target in the first half, posting a promising 3-0 lead. Three different players scored for Inter Godfather's with Ryu Tanzawa hitting the first goal in the 10th minute, followed by back-to-back goals from Peter Loken (43rd) and Masatoshi Otsuka (44th).

Ric Seo increased the lead to 4 with his goal in the 79th minute before KFAS answered with a pair of goals from Sung Su Jung late in the second half.

## Wild Bill's 2, MP United 1

In the third game of the weekend, Wild Bill's edged MP United.

Tanapon Unsa recorded both goals for Wild Bill's, while Zhi Peng Lin drilled the lone goal for MP United. Lin scored first with his goal in the 35th minute before Wild Bill's equalized off Unsa's shot nine minutes later.

Both teams then struggled offensively in the second half before Unsa delivered the go-ahead goal in the 75th to hand

Wild Bill's another win.

## Kanoa FC 3, Matansa FC 1

In the second game, Kanoa FC outclassed Matansa FC.

Junsik Kim heated up Kanoa FC's offense with an early goal in the first half, while Yoshi Mafnas made it a 2-0 half-time lead with his goal in the closing minutes of the opening frame. Kanoa FC went on to take a 3-0 advantage, as Kim got his second goal past the halfway mark of the second half, while Matansa avoided

a shutout out after drawing a goal from Abdul Shahanewaz.

## Tan Holdings FC 1, Paire FC 0

In last Sunday's curtain-raiser, Tan Holdings pulled off a 1-0 win over Paire FC.

Neither team managed to light up the scoreboard in the first half. Then in the second half, it seemed Tan Holdings and Paire were headed for a scoreless draw before Sean Perez finally hit his target seven minutes before the game wrapped up to lift the former to victory.

## TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

### NBA STANDINGS

#### EASTERN CONFERENCE Atlantic Division

|              | W | L  | Pct  | GB |
|--------------|---|----|------|----|
| Toronto      | 6 | 8  | .429 | —  |
| Philadelphia | 6 | 9  | .400 | ½  |
| Boston       | 6 | 10 | .375 | 1  |
| Brooklyn     | 4 | 10 | .286 | 2  |
| New York     | 3 | 10 | .231 | 2½ |

#### Southeast Division

|            |    |   |      |    |
|------------|----|---|------|----|
| Miami      | 11 | 3 | .786 | —  |
| Atlanta    | 8  | 7 | .533 | 3½ |
| Charlotte  | 7  | 8 | .467 | 4½ |
| Washington | 6  | 8 | .429 | 5  |
| Orlando    | 5  | 9 | .357 | 6  |

#### Central Division

|           |    |    |      |     |
|-----------|----|----|------|-----|
| Indiana   | 13 | 1  | .929 | —   |
| Chicago   | 6  | 7  | .462 | 6½  |
| Detroit   | 6  | 8  | .429 | 7   |
| Cleveland | 4  | 10 | .286 | 9   |
| Milwaukee | 2  | 11 | .154 | 10½ |

#### WESTERN CONFERENCE

##### Southwest Division

|             |    |   |      |    |
|-------------|----|---|------|----|
| San Antonio | 13 | 1 | .929 | —  |
| Houston     | 10 | 5 | .667 | 3½ |
| Dallas      | 9  | 6 | .600 | 4½ |
| Memphis     | 7  | 7 | .500 | 6  |
| New Orleans | 6  | 8 | .429 | 7  |

##### Northwest Division

|               |    |    |      |     |
|---------------|----|----|------|-----|
| Portland      | 13 | 2  | .867 | —   |
| Oklahoma City | 9  | 3  | .750 | 2½  |
| Denver        | 7  | 6  | .538 | 5   |
| Minnesota     | 8  | 8  | .500 | 5½  |
| Utah          | 2  | 14 | .125 | 11½ |

##### Pacific Division

|               |    |   |      |    |
|---------------|----|---|------|----|
| L.A. Clippers | 10 | 5 | .667 | —  |
| Golden State  | 9  | 6 | .600 | 1  |
| Phoenix       | 7  | 7 | .500 | 2½ |
| L.A. Lakers   | 7  | 8 | .467 | 3  |
| Sacramento    | 4  | 9 | .308 | 5  |

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# 5th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic Winners

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The Top 3 finishers in the men's over 40 singles, from left, third finisher Chang Wan Jang, runner-up Father Ryan Jimenez, and champion Gary Ramsey, pose for a photo during the awards ceremony for the 5th Tan Holdings Tennis Classic early this month at the Hibiscus Hall of the Fiesta Resort & Spa Saipan.



Mixed over 40 doubles runners-up Don Dunlop and Marivic Rosario pose with champions Lydia Tan and David Lai.



Men's 4.0 singles Top 3 finishers, from left, third placer Steven Beyer, runner-up Luther Lizama, and champion Michael Ren show their plaques.



From left, men's over 40 doubles runners-up Jorge Olanda and Buboy Sergio pose with champions David and Sam Lai.



Women's open singles champion Thea Minor, right, is joined by runners-up Carol Lee, left, and Mikayla Lopez for a group photo.



From left, men's 4.0 doubles runners-up Sam Lai and Eddie Wu and champions George Lai and Eun Jang pose for a group photo.



Women's 4.0 singles Top 3 finishers, from left, third placer Liza Atalig, runner-up Julia Ishikawa, and champion Theecel Minor smile after receiving their awards.

Women's 3.0 singles champion Malikawa Miyawaki, left, poses with runner-up Tania Tan, center, and third placer Conatsu Kaga.



Women's over 40 doubles runners-up Letty Jones and Joy Minor join champions Lydia Tan and Sally Lee for a group photo.



From left, men's open doubles runners-up Amami Sakano and Tommy Choi pose for a photo with champions Jeff Race and Luke Beling.





Wizards snap  
Lakers' 3-game  
winning streak

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## Shirley's draws 1st blood in Traders tourney



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Toshiko Obata makes a return, while her teammate looks on during their women's doubles BC match against Elna Curate and Lani Santos in the Traders Insurance tournament last Saturday at the TSL Sports Complex.

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**S**hirley's Badminton Club won its opening assignment in the 7th Traders Insurance Team Tournament after dominating Taga Badminton Club, 26-4, over the weekend at the the TSL Sports Complex.

Shirley's nearly swept Taga in the first pairing in the tournament, prevailing in nine of the 10 matches set last weekend. It notched eight victories via sweeps and pulled off one more win in a three-game tiff.

Aries Cordero and Jeff Riman gave Shirley's its first triumph in the opening day after beating Panapa Peteru and Celso Agui in the men's doubles B, 21-16, 21-14. Shirley's went on to sweep the men's doubles matches, as Macoi Aguda and Hapi Gabriel topped Park and Agui in the A division, 21-12, 21-14, and Father Charlie Borja and Tony triumphed over Park

and Peteru, 21-16, 21-11.

Shirley's also notched a 3-0 record in the mixed doubles and 3-1 in the women's doubles to complete its demolition of Taga.



In the mixed doubles A, Gabriel and Annette Ta teamed up in defeating Agui and Merlie

Tolentino after only two games. Ta and Gabriel won by four points in the opening game, 21-17, and played even better in the second with a 21-9 victory.

Brendon Talania and Windy Fernandez also took only two games to down A.J. Ortega and Cristy Villaflor in the mixed doubles B. The Shirley's pair

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## Women's National Team gets first win



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Members of the CNMI Women's National Team jog around the Oleai Sports Complex Field during a training session last month.

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The CNMI Women's National Team finally barged into the win column in the M-League after defeating Shirley's FC, 4-2, last Thursday at the Oleai Sports Complex Field.



Jeraldine Castillo lifted the squad to its first win of the season after making a hat-trick against fellow Division 2 entry Shirley's FC. The Marianas High School student scored early with her goal in the seventh minute and gave the CNMI Women's National Team a 2-0 halftime edge after earning her second goal in the 38th.

After a scoreless first half, Shirley's managed to force a standoff early in the second half behind the one goal apiece of Jerry Tan (50th) and Panapa Peteru (55th) before Castillo broke the deadlock with her third goal in the 71st. A goal from Alexa Vergara two minutes later gave the Commonwealth bets the insurance.

## Sun Palace 2, Thundercats 2

In another Division 2 game last week, Sun Palace and the Thundercats had a draw.

Makani Gramlich nailed both goals for the Thundercats, scoring one apiece in the

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## Entries to Hell of Marianas reach 120



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### HELL OF THE MARIANAS THE PIC CENTURY CYCLE

The 2013 Hell of Marianas Century Cycle race has lured 120 bikers so far and organizers are expecting the number to grow next week.

Among the latest entries to the Dec. 7 event are one Olympian and two pros. According to race director Kanae Quinn, Guam Olympian Derek Horton and pros Atsushi Kano of Japan and Jang Jae Youn of Korea registered this week. The 39-year-old Horton represented Guam to the Olympic Games in Sydney, Australia in 2000 and last year in London. Kano is a veteran of bike races in Asia, while Youn is part of the Men's Health Korea magazine delegation that will also take footages of the 100-kilometer event. Joining Youn are actor Kim Hye Seong, who is also the director of Namoo Entertainment, Lee Seung Gon,

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Bikers head out of Kagman during last year's Hell of Marianas Century Cycle Race.